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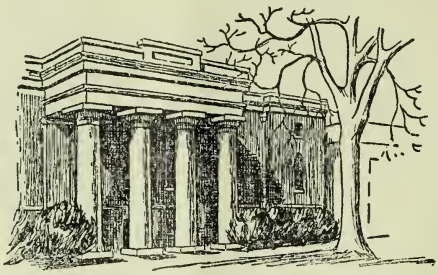

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BAPTIST DENOMINATION IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

WELSH NECK CHURCH,
SOCIETY HILL, DARLINGTON COUNTY, NOV. 23, 1876.

The Convention was called to order at 10:30 A. M., by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, its former President. The hymn, "I love thy kingdom Lord," was sung, and prayer offered.

The enrollment of delegates being effected, the Convention proceeded to the election of officers. Brother Reynolds declined a reëlection.

Rev. A. K. Durham and Professor D. T. Smith were appointed tellers.

The following officers were declared elected:

Rev. J. A. Broadus, President; Rev. Richard Furman, Vice President; Rev. O. F. Gregory and Brother Zimmerman Davis, Secretaries; and Professor C. H. Judson, Treasurer.

Rev. John Stout offered the following, which were adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Convention meet daily at 10 A. M., and adjourn at 2:30 P. M. Meet again at 7 P. M., and adjourn at will.

Resolved, 2. That the time from 12 M. to 12:45 P. M. be devoted to devotional exercises.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Reynolds, the rule of the Convention referring applications for membership to a Committee was suspended, and Brethren C. C. Brown, of the Sumter Church, and H. C. Burn, of the Hartsville Church, were admitted to seats in this body.

On motion of Rev. T. W. Hart, Rev. Lewis Colby, President of Benedict Institute, was invited to a seat and participation in the deliberations of this Convention.

On motion of Brother T. P. Lide, Sr., visiting brethren were invited to seats, and Brother G. W. Harmon, of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, accepted the invitation.

The Secretary then read the Constitution of this Convention.

On motion of Brother W. J. Snider, the report of the Executive Board of this Convention was called for.

Rev. A. W. Lamar then read the following report:

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

To the South Carolina Baptist Convention:

DEAR BRETHREN—In submitting for your consideration the report of our labors for the conventional year now closing we beg to recall the instructions given us at your last meeting, in "The Report of Committee on the Future of the Board:"

"We agree with the Board that none of the work which has been undertaken can be given up without immense loss. All the fields of labor are important ones, and have been selected with great wisdom. To abandon them would be to lose very valuable gains, and surrender points which, in many instances, are sure, sooner or later, to become important centres—centres of influence from which the precious truths of the gospel may radiate to all around. Our motto ought ever to be onward. We therefore approve of what has already been done, and are impressed with a deep conviction that the operations of the Board ought to be enlarged, not only in the manner and direction suggested in their report, but even to a much greater extent than is now therein contemplated."

Early in the month of January we met in the city of Columbia, and after earnest and prayerful consideration of the work before us, and the *financial* prospects of the year, made the following *appointments* and *appropriations:*

1. Rev. C. A. Baynard was re appointed to the destitution in the lower parts of Beaufort and Colleton Counties. Salary from Board $300.

2. Rev. F. Jones, mission pastor at Beaufort and Port Royal, still needed aid, and his salary was supplemented to first of July to the extent of $125.

3. Rev. G. W. Singleton was re-appointed, and his labors restricted to the territory of the Twelve Mile River Association. He generously proposed to give us his services for $250.

4. Rev. T. W. Hart. The Executive Board of the Welsh Neck Association recommended that we continue to aid him at Florence, to the extent of $200, which was done, and, by this arrangement, he was also able to preach at Ebenezer.

5. Rev. H. F. Oliver. The Charleston Association Board recommended Bro. Oliver as mission pastor to Georgetown and Black River, and aid was extended to him to the extent of $250.

6. Rev. W. W. Sanders was appointed at Walhalla and Seneca City, and his salary supplemented by us to the extent of $100, being half of what we gave to those points last year.

7. Rev. O. F. Gregory. We agreed to supplement his salary at Cedar Grove in Williamsburg, for six months, to the extent of $50, and to renew the same at the expiration of that time if we were able.

8. Rev. W. J. Hatfield was appointed mission pastor at Bethany, in Sumter, and Maysville, on W. C. & A. R. R., for six months. Aid on part of the Board $75, a part of which was to be paid by the Sumter Union, through our Board.

9. Rev. R. R. Brooks was appointed to preach at Scranton, a growing village on the N. E. R. R. We agreed to pay him $50 for six months and to renew the appropriation if possible.

10. Rev. John N. Eatzminger was aided in his labors among several weak churches in the destitution of Richland and Fairfield Counties, to the extent of $50.

11. An appropriation of $25 each to Wassamasaw and St. Stephen's, in the Charleston destitution, was made to sustain Rev. E. H. Cuttino in his labors with them.

12. $25.00 was appropriated to *Ephesus*, a weak
aid Rev. J. M. Weeks, their pastor.

13. The sum of $200 was appropriated to sustain Rev. C. T. Scaife, at Union C. H., and at two weak churches in Union County, *on condition* that this amount

should be raised for us from the Bethel Association churches and the churches in said County.

14. $250 was appropriated to the Laurensville church, on condition that the Reedy River Association raise the amount for us. Up to this date, however, the church has made no permanent arrangement for a pastor, and consequently the appropriation has not been obligatory.

15. We wish to make special mention of Rev. E. W. Peeples, who has served us for six months as *voluntary missionary* at Walterboro C. H., and to express our grateful appreciation of his valuable services.

16. $25 was granted to St. John's, in Charleston county, to aid Elder T. L. Riggs, their pastor.

THE FIELDS OF LABOR.

Of the fields of labor we would say :

Bro. Baynard's field is still very destitute, and truly needs continued aid and an increase of missionaries.

Of Beaufort Bro. Jones states that, while there are no reports of baptisms, the church has gained some strength, and the membership is in a healthy spiritual condition. At Port Royal he has preached twenty-six times this year, and thinks there is *decidedly* a better opening than heretofore. In connection with both of these places we must keep in mind the *great* and *peculiar* difficulties to be encountered.

The work in the Twelve Mile Association is especially encouraging, both as to the ingathering of souls and a growing interest in our work on the part of her churches. Brother Singleton has been greatly blessed and is much beloved. There are still many sections of the mountains sadly in need of the blessed gospel.

At Florence the cause is growing. Brother Hart has labored earnestly, and it is thought that we shall not be called upon to aid this point another year.

There does not seem to be any decided hopefulness as to the building up of a self-sustaining church at Georgetown ; but there *are* exceedingly inviting points in Williamsburg County. At Black River, in Williamsburg, Brother Oliver has been much blessed, and the church is building up. We feel under great obligations to continue to cultivate this destitute region. You will rejoice to know that Walhalla has now become a strong self-sustaining Church. During the year twenty eight have been added by baptism, and eleven by letter. In the WORKING CHRISTIAN of September 7, Brother Sanders gives a deeply interesting account of the work there, and closes with this statement:

" It now numbers about one hundred and thirty members. It is no longer a mission church, but now proposes to become a missionary church. It means not only to return the funds the State Board has expended for it, but to become a regular contributor to the Board. It feels its obligation to the Board, and will nobly meet and discharge it.

" After this year it will no longer ask for assistance, but will ask of the Board the privilege of becoming a regular contributor to the missionary fund for the benefit of other fields."

Seneca City church has nearly doubled in membership this year, having now twenty-eight members, and promises to become an influential church. This point and Central, on the Air Line Railroad, will still need and deserve our fostering care. Scranton, on Northeastern Railroad, is a growing village and is worthy of our attention. In Charleston and Williamsburg and Colleton Counties there is still great destitution. The Sand Hills of Richland and Fairfield call aloud to us, and we hope by co-operation with the Fairfield Association to work this field successfully another year. In many other directions there are needy and promising fields.

Name of Missionary.	Number Sabbaths employed in each month.	Number of Sermons Preached.	Number Prayer Meetings Held.	Number of Religious Visits.	Number Sunday School Addresses.	Number Other Addresses.	Number Sunday Schools Organized.	Number Stations Occupied.	Number Conversions Reported.	Number Baptisms	Number Churches Organized.	Number Miles Traveled.
E. W. Peeples	2	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	16	16	1	
F. Jones	4	136	65	280	65	65	1	2	.....	.....	.....	
C. A. Baynard	4	312	48	248	35	35	4	6	13	13	.....	4,680
G. W. Singleton*	4	95	18	170	20	68	12	.....	108	108	2	2,718
T. W. Hart†	4	151	25	100	.....	.....	.....	2	19	19	.....	
O. F. Gregory	1	27	.....	27	3	2	1	1	12	2	.....	216
W. W. Sanders	3	30	11	60	1	8	.....	2	30	30	.....	
W. J. Hatfield	2	30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	7	.....	600
C. T. Scaife	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
R. R. Brooks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
E. H. Cuttino	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
J. M. Weeks	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
H. F. Oliver	4	54	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	11	11	.....	691
J. N. Entzminger	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
T. L. Riggs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	

*Bro. Singleton is lame, and cannot baptize himself, and these baptisms occurred in connection with meetings he held or aided in.

†By the appropriation extended to Florence, Bro Hart was enabled to preach at Ebenezer. Consequently this report includes the work at both places.

THE GENERAL AGENT.

Your General Agent has now been five years in the work. In this time he has preached more than fifteen hundred times, besides addresses on Sunday schools, Education, Mission and other subjects. He has visited 555 churches, and many of these he has visited several times. He has thoroughly canvassed all but three of the thirty-one Counties in the State; has visited 80 associational meetings, and raised more than $15,000. The Lord has graciously blessed his labors, and given him health and strength for the work.

CONDITION OF THE BOARD AND ITS FUTURE.

To give a clear idea of our financial condition we give two statements. One of the obligations assumed for *this year*, and one of the indebtedness brought over from last year.

OBLIGATIONS FOR 1876.

Salary of General Agent, including postage, printing, &c..	$ 1,500 00
Rev. F. Jones	125 00
Rev. C. A. Baynard	300 00
Rev. G. W. Singleton	250 00
Rev. T. W. Hart	200 00
Rev. O. F. Gregory	50 00
Rev. W. W. Sanders	1 0 00
Rev. W. J. Hatfield	75 00
Rev. E. H. Cuttino	50 00
Rev. T. L. Riggs	25 00
Rev. R. R. Brooks	50 00
Rev. J. M. Weeks	25 00
Rev. H. F. Oliver	250 00
Rev. J. N. Entzminger	50 00
Traveling expenses of General Agent	168 40
	$ 3,218 40
C. T. Scaife, $24.25, Laurens Church, $13.30	37 55
Add to this traveling expenses of members	10 70
Total	$ 3,266 65

INDEBTEDNESS FROM LAST YEAR.

Note and interest to C. T. Lowndes & Co	$ 520 00
To C. A. Baynard, balance salary 1875	50 00
To F. Jones, balance salary 1875	62 50
To R. N. Pratt, balance salary 1875	50 00
To J. C. Hudson, balance salary 1875	75 00
To L. Broaddus, balance salary 1875	40 00
To A. Jaeger, balance salary 1875	40 00
To A. W. Lamar, balance salary 1875	234 00
To Lancaster church, per order Convention	100 00
Total debt from last year	$1,171 50
Obligations of 1876	3.266 65
Total	$4,438 15

The payments made on the debt from last year and the work of this year is $2,700.35, leaving a balance, at the close of the Treasurer's report, of $1,738.05 to be provided for by 1st of January.

Since the close of the Treasurer's report we have been receiving various

amounts, and there are four of our strongest Associations from whom the contributions for State Missions have not yet been received. We have a reasonable hope that we shall be able, by the 1st of January, to bring this indebtedness within one thousand dollars.

If we *are able* to bring our indebtedness within a thousand dollars by the 1st of January, the question arises, how shall your Board be able to relieve themselves of this debt and yet *continue* to keep up the *most important* points of our mission work? In the present *financial embarrassment*, we can scarcely hope for *enlarged* contributions, and it appears to us that there are several things which might be done, without serious detriment to the ultimate result of the work. We suggest the following:

I. Let the Agent's salary be *reduced* to one hundred dollars per month.

II. Let the Convention authorize the Board to *borrow one thousand dollars* on such time as in their judgment may be necessary. Such an arrangement would give the Board time in which to retire the debt, and at the same time, by judicious appropriations, hold on to the most important of our mission fields.

THE HOME MISSION BOARD.

We may be transcending our duties in venturing to advise your body with reference to the operations of this Board in our State. It has, however, occurred to your Board that this Convention might suggest to them a plan of operations which would enlist a deeper interest in their work.

We suggest:—

1st. That your body advise the Marion Board to apply the contributions from South Carolina (unless otherwise designated) directly to work among the Indian tribes and frontier States.

2d. That they are not expected to spend any funds in this State in the employment of missionaries, but to leave that work to the State Board.

3d. That in case they desire an agency in this State, to unite with your Board in the employment of the same agent, leaving it to the two Boards to agree upon the *pro rata* of the receipts and expenses: provided, however, that the combined salary of the two Boards to such agent does not exceed the sum of $1,500.

ENCOURAGEMENTS.

While many of our brethren may be inclined to feel discouraged on account of the financial embarrassments of your Board, we beg them to consider the many causes of encouragement to *renew* our efforts for the future. Consider that in five years we have commissioned 42 missionaries. They have reported, (not including the work of this year) some 1,200 conversions, 27 new churches have been brought into existence, and between $15,000 and $16,000 have been raised for the work.

Consider again that five years since not a *single one* of our 20 Associations was officially connected with or committed to this work, whereas *now* fifteen of the twenty have voluntarily and earnestly entered into plans of co operation with us, and have committed themselves to the work of State Missions. We believe that our brethren throughout the State, from the mountains to the sea, are coming to an earnest and settled conviction as to the importance and necessity of this work and are feeling a growing love for it. One whole Association, which three years since was anti missionary, have, by the influence of State Missions, become enthusiastic in its support.

We verily believe it is *impossible* to estimate the *power* there is in State Missions, under God, to *unite* and *develop* and *combine in a united whole*, the *energies* and *gifts of the Baptists of this State*.

We are profoundly grateful to our gracious Saviour and Father in heaven for the signal mercies attending our labors, and would lift our hearts in rejoicing and praises to His blessed name. To Him be *all* the glory. Amen.

A. W. LAMAR,
Secretary and Agent Executive Board.

Rev. John Stout offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the following Committees, consisting of three members each, be appointed to report on appropriate portions of the report of the Executive Board:

1. On the Last Year's Work of the Board.
2. On the Financial Condition of the Board.
3. On the Future of the Board.
4. On the suggestions of the Board with reference to the operations of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention within the bounds of our State.

On motion of Rev. J. L. Reynolds, the consideration of the reports of the above Committees was made the special order for 11 A. M. Friday.

The hour having arrived for Devotional Exercises, they were conducted by Rev. J. O. B. Dargan.

At 12:45 the Convention resumed its regular business, and the Chair announced the following Standing Committees:

On Religious Services.—Pastor and deacons of the Welsh Neck Church.

On Accounts.—T. P. Smith, E. R. Lesesne, D. T. Smith, B. G. Covington, E. R. Stokes.

To Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention.—R. W. Lide, E. S. Rallings, S. B. Wilkins, J. K. Mendenhall, R. W. Sanders.

To Nominate an Executive Board.—W. J. Snider, C. C. Brown, L. Broaddus, A. S. Wileford, W. D. Rice.

On Ministers' Names and Postoffices.—O. F. Gregory, Z. Davis, A. W. Lamar.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting and Persons to Preach.—A. K. Durham, J. L. Coker, John A. Barron, W. A. Pearson, G. W. Singleton.

The following Committees on report of State Board were also announced:

On Last Year's Work.—W. H. Strickland, C. C. Brown, John S. Croxton.

On the Financial part of Report.—Wm. Thayer, B. W. Edwards, W. C. Coker.

On the Future of the Board.—J. C. Furman, J. L. Reynolds, T. P. Lide, Sr.

On Suggestions Regarding Home Mission Board.—John Stout, C. H. Judson, T. P. Smith.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Rev. W. H. Strickland, of Darlington, from Philip. iv, 4, "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice."

FRIDAY.

The Convention was called to order at 10 A. M. by the President, and after prayer by Rev. W. J. Snider proceeded to business.

The minutes of proceedings of the previous day were read and confirmed.

Delegates who had come in since yesterday reported.

The rules being suspended, the following churches were admitted as constituents of this body, and their delegates welcomed to seats: Aiken, Rev. J. C. Browne; Swift Creek, T. L. Rhodes; Camden, Rev. L. S. Foster.

Rev. H. A. Tupper, Corresponding Secretary Foreign Mission Board, was invited to a seat.

Rev. A. W. Lamar offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to our brethren of the Aiken Baptist Church our heartfelt sympathy in the trial which has befallen them in the loss of their

house of worship, and we commend them to the pecuniary aid and sympathy of our brethren throughout the State.

Rev. J. C. Browne, pastor of the Aiken Church, made a statement to the Convention regarding the loss they had met, and remarks were offered by Revs. Mendendall and Strickland.

Brother Wm. Thayer presented the report of the Board of Managers of funds for Indigent Ministers, which was adopted:

REPORT OF BOARD OF MANAGERS OF INDIGENT MINISTERS' FUND.

The Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, beg leave to report:

That a quorum of members elected at the last annual Convention was held in Charleston and an organization of the Board effected as follows: Wm. Thayer, President; John G. Milnor, Vice President; and Zimmerman Davis, Secretary *pro tem.* No election of Treasurer was made, and the Treasurer's duties have been performed by the President. An account of receipts and disbursements for the year is herewith submitted, showing balance received from former Treasurer, $115.07; receipts from collections and subscribers during the year, $170.20; making total cash amount, $285 27; amount of disbursements, as per account rendered, $164 55; leaving cash balance on hand, $120.72. The only acknowledged outstanding liability is a small bill, not rendered, for necessary supplies furnished Brother J. E. Hinton. We are informed of drafts of our Brother Hinton on the Board, some of which have been paid, others awaiting presentation and future adjustment.

The following amounts are in the hands of your Board, viz.: Note of S. W. Bookhart, $25, with interest; note of J. W. McCurry, $30, with 9 per cent. interest; also on account of remittance by Bro. McCurry, a draft of J. R. Robertson, for $10 15, which draft remains unpaid. The notes of Bros. Bookhart and McCurry are understood to have been on account of their subscription to a permanent fund as originally contemplated. The realization of these obligations would place at command of successors of your present Board an additional amount of $65.

There has been no addition to the number of special beneficiaries since the last report, nor have there been any applicants before your Board. Besides the two special beneficiaries heretofore reported, temporary aid, in small amount, has been extended to one other.

The present regular beneficiaries are our venerable brother, Thomas Dawson, who has been paid to December 1, 1876, and Brother J. E. Hinton, ex-missionary. We have not been able, as yet, satisfactorily to adjust the account of Bro. Hinton, for reason before referred to, of his outstanding drafts on the Board.

In the language of a former report, (which more forcibly applies to the past year), "the general pecuniary circumstances of our people have greatly retarded our operations," and we have not realized our hopes in receipt of means for any extended and liberal provision for those committed to our charge. Like those of our brethren charged with our other denominational benevolent objects, we know full well the stringency of the times, and the necessity which has compelled a large number of former subscribers (who were heretofore ready givers) to withdraw their names, at least for the present, but we are constrained to believe that the care of our disabled ministers, and widows and children of deceased ministers, does not receive the attention of our denomination it should. The minds of our people are not directed thereto, and 'mid our several benevolent objects this is sadly, if not wholly, overlooked.

The Board would desire to urge upon our pastors to incite their congregations to greater activity and more extended liberality in this behalf, and at same time urge upon our brethren generally, as their privilege, as well as duty, to provide ample means for the purpose contemplated in the organization of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM THAYER, President.

Board of Managers of Fund for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers in Account with WILLIAM THAYER, Acting Treasurer.

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Jan. 20.	To Post Office Order sent Rev. Thos. Dawson per acc't for 3 months from Nov. 1, 1875.	$ 30 00	Nov. 23.	By Draft of R. B. Watson on Reeder & Davis for balance per his Treas. acc't rendered...	$ 115 07
20.	To Fee on same	15	Dec. 14.	By J. L. McCurry's Draft on Smith	9 85
Feb. 17.	To Remitted Thos. Dawson, Feb., in P.O. order	10 00	14.	By Subscription B. J. McFarrows	1 00
17.	To Fee on same	10	1876.		
April 20.	To Remitted Thos. Dawson, P. O. Order	20 00	Jan. 8.	By Received from B. W. Edwards for Draft on Norwood & C	44 60
20.	To Charges on same	15	20.	By Collections made by W. T. sent to R. B. Watson, but returned	23 00
May 26.	To Remitted Rev. J. E. Hinton	5 00			
June 27.	To Paid order J. E. Hinton, Nov. 11, 1875	14 00	June 27.	By rec'd for G. W. McIver Coll'ns for Ministers' Fund	89 75
27.	To Paid order J. E. Hinton, March 20, 1876	10 00			
27.	To Donation to Rev. M. R. Suares	5 00	July 25.	By Collections per T. P. Smith, Mrs. C. E Bissell, to November, 1876.	1 00
July 3.	To Remitted Rev. Thos. Dawson, P. O. order for May, June and July	30 00	25.	By Collections by T. P. Smith	1 00
3.	To Prem. Ex. on above	15			
Oct. 23.	To Check 567 on Mcts. Ex. favor Rev. T. Dawson, for August, September and October	30 00			
Nov. 16.	To Paid Rev. Thos. Dawson, for November	10			
21.	To balance this date	120 72			
		$ 285 27			$ 285 27
			Nov. 21.	By Balance to Date	$ 120 72

Rev. John S. Croxton presented the report of Committee on Sunday Schools, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee do not consider that the existence of the churches of Christ depends upon Sunday schools; but we do consider them valuable auxiliaries to the churches. They have in the past done much good, when properly conducted. We therefore urge that pastors of churches manifest a deeper interest in Sunday schools by organizing schools in their respective churches, and earnestly recommend that a Sunday School Convention be organized in each Association in this State, and that said Convention send statistics to the Sunday School Institute to be held in connection with this Convention, which will enable your Committee, in the future, to make a proper report to this body on Sunday schools.

Respectfully,

JOHN S. CROXTON.

Mr. Wm. Thayer offered the following:

Whereas the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is engaged in securing a permanent endowment, in which gratifying progress is understood to have been made; therefore,

Resolved. That this Convention will welcome our beloved Brother, Rev. James P. Boyce, or any agent or agents appointed by him, to collect bonds or cash in this State for the said endowment, beginning on or after 1st January next, and that it heartily urges upon the churches and brethren to contribute liberally to this important enterprise.

The President called Vice President Furman to the chair, and spoke on the resolution; after which, on motion of Rev. C. C. Brown, the resolution was adopted by a rising vote.

The hour for the special order having arrived to hear reports on State Missions, Rev. W. H. Strickland presented the following report on last year's work:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S WORK OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD.

Your Committee desire to express their approbation in the very strongest terms concerning the work of our State Mission Board for the year just closed.

We believe that the affairs of the Board have been managed with skill, prudence and economy; that we have in this Board and General Agent the men best suited to the work; and while we regret that the Board is embarrassed with debt, yet we feel that the debt is not the fault of the Board, but the misfortune of our denomination, and owing to the trying financial crisis through which we are passing.

We believe that the work of the past year is a good and permanent work, and in its results all that we could have expected.

Surely there is abundant reason for gratitude to God, in that State Missions have accomplished so much for the denomination in South Carolina.

In a word, we are satisfied with the work of State Missions for the past year.

WM. HENRY STRICKLAND,
C. C. BROWN,
JOHN S. CROXTON.

The special order being by consent suspended, Rev. Lewis Colby, by invitation of the body, addressed the Convention regarding his work in educating colored men for the ministry at Benedict Institute.

Remarks commendatory of his work were made by Revs. Lindsay, R. Furman, Reynolds, J. O. B. Dargan, and Covington.

The following, offered by Rev. R. Furman, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we have listened with interest to the statements of Rev. L. Colby in regard to the operations of the Benedict Institute, and we hereby express our sense of the importance of the enterprise, and our desire for the success of himself and his co-laborers in that department of Christian work.

Rev. W. H. Strickland offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the missionary collection that may be taken up on Sunday in this church be equally divided between the State Mission Board of South Carolina, the Home Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention, and the Foreign Mission Board of Southern Baptist Convention.

The subject of State Missions was resumed.

Bro. Snider offered a report on the nomination of an Executive Board, which, after some debate, in which Brethren Strickland, Brown, Judson, Edwards and Stout participated, was recommitted with instructions, and finally adopted as amended:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE AN EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Your Committee beg leave to report that this Committee consist of: A. B. Woodfin, President; J. R. Leavell, Vice President; Winthrop Williams, Treasurer; W. H. Lyles, Auditor; A. W. Lamar, Agent and Secretary; S. W. Bookhart, E. R. Stokes, R. W. Sanders, C. M. McJunkin, W. J. Starnes, W. B. Plunkett, N. N. Burton. Location—Columbia, S. C.

Respectfully submitted.

W. J. SNIDER, Chairman.

The devotional exercises of the day were conducted by Rev. W. D. Rice.

On the resumption of business, Rev. W. A. Pearson offered the report of Committee on Obituaries, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY NOTICES.

Your Committee on Obituary Notices beg leave to report that during the past Conventional year the Rev. T. R. Gary, of the Twelve Mile River Association, has been called, in the prime of life, from his abundant labors to his great reward. His circle of influence was small, but he was truly devoted to his Master's service, and was the means, in the hands of God, of accomplishing great and lasting good.

Rev. T. L. Roper, who was for 40 years pastor of the Woolney Baptist church, in the Twelve Mile River Association, has obeyed the summons of his Saviour, who called him from his earthly toils to his rest in heaven. He was a man of fair gifts, and was held in high esteem by those who knew him. His long life was spent in winning souls to Christ, and his end was peace.

Rev. William Beck, of the Welsh Neck Association, has also fallen asleep in Jesus. He was a man of small gifts, but of extraordinary piety, gentleness, humility, and amiability of character. Your Committee beg leave to incorporate in their report a part of the obituary notice of Bro. Beck written by Bro. T. P. Lide shortly after his death: "This venerable servant of God died at his residence near Swift Creek Church, after a protracted illness, on the 18th of August, 1876, aged about 72 years. He was not favored with early opportunities of education, and felt keenly the privation, but his piety was earnest and ardent, his zeal fervent and constant, his labors abundant and successful. He was free from jealousy and envy, and a pattern of humility, meekness and gentleness. He ever honored his brethren of larger gifts, and it was refreshing to witness the delight with which he drank in the gospel from their lips, with tears and smiles and occasional audible expressions of praise. The history of his long pastorate at Swift Creek exemplifies the power of a godly life in combination with the simple, earnest, loving presentation of the story of the Cross. He rests from his labors and his works do follow him."

"Rev. John Trapp, of the Edgefield Association, has died during the present year, at an advanced age. He was a man of very decided natural abilities, and a fine preacher for his opportunities. Through a long career, as pastor of country churches in Edgefield County, he was remarkably successful, large numbers having professed conversion under his ministry." Bro. Trapp was for a number of years the Moderator of the Edgefield Association, and contributed largely to its success and prosperity.

Rev. H. T. Bartley has passed to his reward during the year, at the age of about 50 years. He resided within the bounds of the Edgefield Association, and, at the time of his death, was pastor of the Philippi Baptist Church. He was but little known outside of his immediate community, but his humble labors were not entirely without God's blessing.

All these have rested from their labors. Who among us will be the next to follow? Respectfully submitted.

W. A. PEARSON.

On motion of Rev. J. C. Furman, a Special Committee was appointed to prepare a suitable tribute to the memory of the late Dr. Richard Fuller, of Baltimore. The Chair appointed on this Committee Revs. J. C. Furman, J. L. Reynolds, J. A. W. Thomas, J. O. B. Dargan, J. W. Burn.

Rev. A. K. Durham presented the report of the Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting, and Persons to Preach, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING, AND PERSONS TO PREACH.

I. That the next meeting be held at Greenville, on Thursday before the fourth Sunday in November, 1877.

II. Introductory Sermon by F. W. Eason; alternate, J. S. Croxton. Missionary sermon by Richard Furman; alternate A. B. Woodfin.

The Committee further recommend:

III. That the Sunday School Convention convene on Wednesday before, as by agreement, and that it be recommended to the next Convention that Thursday afternoon be left vacant for the Sunday School Institute.

A. K. DURHAM.

Rev. J. C. Furman presented report of Committee on the Future of the Executive Board, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FUTURE OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD.

The Committee on the Future of the Board beg leave to report: If this future be looked at in the light of what is desirable and hopeful, or in the light of what is practicable, two questions are before us. The latter will properly come into consideration in another report, and therefore it only remains to advert to the former.

If the results which, in God's merciful Providence, have attended our past work, shall determine our judgments, we have a short course—the question is settled. Churches now existing, and some of them self-supporting, in places where, when your work of State Missions began, there were either feeble churches or no churches at all, and whole Associations recovered from inaction and now setting out in a course of missionary activity—these results, to say nothing of the value of individual souls saved, settle the question for us.

To the same conclusion we must come if we remember the command and the example of Him who came to seek and save that which was lost. Destitute fields still exist. Some of them are in regions where Baptist interests are weak, but may be developed into future strength. Other fields are in those poorer regions

where, of course, only the poor and lowly are found—the poor who are never to cease out of the land, and whose claims upon the sympathy of God's people are most clearly enforced and by the highest authority.

Your Committee therefore recommend the following resolution:

That it is the deliberate conviction of this Convention that the prosecution of our State Mission work has the strongest claims upon the sympathy and aid of our pastors and churches.

J. C. FURMAN, Chairman.

By request of the Convention, the following missionaries gave short sketches of their work and their fields: Revs. H. F. Oliver, of Georgetown and Black River; G. W. Singleton, of Oconee and Pickens; and O. F. Gregory, of Cedar Grove.

Bro. T. P. Smith, from Committee on Accounts, reported that no money has passed through the Treasurer's hands.

Closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Reynolds.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

A mass meeting was held in the interest of Foreign Missions, and having especial reference to Woman's Work for Foreign Missions. Rev. H. A. Tupper addressed the Convention, and a collection amounting to $53 was taken up.

SATURDAY.

The Convention being called to order at 10 A. M., Rev. T. P. Lide, Jr., led in prayer.

The minutes of yesterday were read and confirmed.

Rev. W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, and Bro. C. M. McJunkin, editor of the *Working Christian*, were invited to seats in the body.

Rev. R. W. Lide presented report of Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF DELEGATES TO SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, TO MEET AT NEW ORLEANS, MAY 10, 1877.

We recommend that the following brethren be appointed by this body as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention:

Charleston Association.—J. A. Chambliss, L. H. Shuck, O. F. Gregory, C. C. Brown, Z. Davis, T. P. Smith, Wm. Thayer, George W. McIver, H. F. Oliver.

Orangeburg Association.—I. D. Durham, W. B. Mack, B. Williamson.

Greenville Association.—J. A. Broadus, J. L. Reynolds, J. C. Furman, J. C. Hiden, J. K. Mendendall, D. T. Smith, C. H. Judson, J. B. Patrick.

Edgefield Association.—R. Furman, W. B. Plunkett.

Moriah Association.—J. S. Croxton, A. T. Latta, E. S. Rallings.

Fork Association.—J. W. Stribbling, W. W. Sanders.

Bethel Association.—W. A. Gaines.

Reedy River Association.—W. D. Rice, F. W. Eason, Y. J. Pope, John R. Leavell.

Barnwell Association.—J. F. Buist, W. A. Pearson, E. J. Saunders, J. M. Williams.

York Association.—B. G. Covington, D. W. Thomason.

Broad River Association.—J. A. Dudley.

Twelve Mile Association—G. W. Singleton, W G. Field, J. C. Hudson.

Colleton Association—W. H. Dowling, E W. Peeples, B. G. Price.

Spartanburg Association.—J. L. Vass, J. G. Landrum, W. L. Brown.

Savannah River Association.—F. Jones, J. A. Lawton, C. G. Bradford, B. Willingham.

Welsh Neck Association —W. H. Strickland, John Stout, J. O. B. Dargan, J. A. W. Thomas, B W. Edwards, T. P. Lide, Jr., S. B. Wilkins, J. L. Coker, T. W. Hart, R W. Lide.

Edisto Association —L. Cuthbert, J. C. Browne.

Fairfield Association.—John S. Withers, A. B. Woodfin, E. R. Stokes, A. W. Lamar, S. W. Bookhart, L. C. Hinton, R. W. Sanders.

Abbeville Association.—J. S. Jordan, R. N. Pratt, L. Broaddus, J. H. Dargan, B. F. Miller, J. H. Wideman.

Saluda Association.—E. R. Carswell, J. N. Brown, J. L. Tribble.

The Committee would recommend that any vacancies in this list be supplied by brethren not here named who may attend the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

R. W. LIDE, Chairman.

Mr. Wm. Thayer offered report on Finances of Executive Board, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL CONDITION OF STATE BOARD.

The Committee on Financial Condition of State Board beg leave to report: The details of the financial operations of the Board for the past year, are so fully set forth in the Report of the General Agent, your Committee deem it unnecessary to do more than to call attention to the fact that the aggregate liabilities to January 1, 1877, including the deficiency for 1875, amount to $4,438.15, the collections to meet same, already made, $2,700 25, which will leave a deficiency of $1,737.70. This deficiency will probably be reduced by receipt of contributions, to leave an actual deficit of $1,000, or little more. To meet this deficiency, as also to consider the probable means for the operation of the Board during the coming year, are the financial points for consideration. Your Committee are not prepared to suggest any new plans or methods for collection of funds, and regret that they are constrained to adopt the language of the General Agent, that "in the present financial embarrassment, we can scarcely hope for enlarged contributions;" in fact, unless there be a favorable change in our surroundings, we very much fear if we can reasonably rely on receipt of means even as recently reported. With these facts before us, we feel called upon to recommend the closest practicable economy. This has been already recommended by General Agent in his report, and we can but express our high appreciation of the self-sacrifice he has evidenced in recommendation of reduction of his salary, as one means of reducing expenses to a minimum. It is but proper also in this connection to state that this efficient Brother has, in the past, relieved the Executive Committee of incidental charges of postage, &c., same having been met by him.

The other recommendation in the Report to "authorize the Board to borrow an adequate amount for liquidation of present indebtedness," has had our attention. Ordinarily your Committee would be averse to this suggestion, but the aggregate is in small (or comparatively small) amounts, due to our missionaries, some of whom, at least, are sadly in need of the amounts due them. If the objection be made, that borrowing will cost the interest, we answer this is true, but assuredly the creditors of the Convention are fully entitled to interest on amounts due them, and if unpaid, should be so allowed; and in this view, any

cost of interest would be on a condensed amount, instead of separated amounts to different individuals.

Your Committee would therefore recommend that the salary of the General Agent be reduced to $1,200 per annum; and while we do not feel that we can bind the Convention or Executive Committee, the matter of proposed loan may at this time be judicious and would have approval of Convention, but that Executive Committee be instructed to arrange their operations for ensuing year on such a basis as will enable them to return at least half the loan during the year and without creating any new debt.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM THAYER, Chairman.

Rev. C. C. Brown offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Circular, to be addressed by this Convention to the Churches of the State, setting forth the claims of the State Mission Work, based on the encouraging success of the work, and the economy of the State Board.

The Chair appointed Revs. Jno. Stout, J. S. Croxton and W. D. Rice.

Bro. Zimmerman Davis offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas it is desirable that the Baptists throughout the State and elsewhere should be informed as to what is being done, year by year, in the way of contributions for missionary and other benevolent enterprises in this State; and whereas no complete statistical information upon these subjects has heretofore been reported to the State Baptist Convention; be it, therefore,

Resolved, That each Association, or other constituent member of this Convention, be earnestly requested to place in the hands of the State Agent, by or previous to its annual meeting, a tabulated statement of all moneys contributed and expended for missionary and other benevolent enterprises.

Resolved, That the State Agent be directed to procure these returns, and report the result to this Convention, in order that such information may be spread upon its Minutes, and thus be disseminated throughout the State.

Rev. W. H. Strickland offered Report of Committee on Foreign Missions, which was adopted, after remarks by Brethren Tupper, T. P. Smith, Rice, Oliver, Burn and Lamar:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To the prosecution of this work we are inspired:

1. By *example*. The first Foreign Missionary, of which we have any account, was our Lord Jesus Christ. He came from Heaven to earth that he might teach men the way of life; he associated with men that he might convince them of his abiding interest in them. He came to preach to men his own glorious gospel of salvation. In our labors to save the benighted pagans, we are but following in the footsteps of our blessed Saviour.

2. We have the command of our Master to incite us to this work, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."—Mark xvi, 15. This command has *not been repealed*, and is, therefore, in force, and binding on each one of us to-day.

3. Let us be inspired by past success in this work. From the days of Paul the Foreign Mission work has always been a success. So far from Modern Missions in heathen lands proving a failure, authentic statistics go to show that the success of preaching the gospel to the heathen has been fully commensurate with the work of preaching to sinners in our own land.

4. Let us not be unmindful of the honor conferred on us by God, in permitting us to be fellow-helpers in the glorious work of evangelizing the world. Is it not a great privilege to be made co-workers with God in rescuing the perishing? Shall we not thank God that we may bear some part in saving the world?

5. And does not the embarrassed condition of our Foreign Mission Board call

loudly to us for immediate aid? Does not the devotion of our brethren and sisters in China and Italy and Africa inspire us to greater devotion and greater sacrifices in this direction? Are we content for them to work on without their salaries? Shall the Foreign Missionaries *be recalled?* Let every Christian ponder this question with his hand upon his purse and his knee bent in prayer. Woe worth the day when Zion begins to call in her outposts, curtail her work, and disband her missionaries. "The field is the world," and to every regenerate soul has God said: "Son, go work to-day in my vineyard." To loiter is rebellion, and to refuse is treason. O that we may come up to the work with fresh energies and prayers of faith, that our Board may be able to report "no debt" at New Orleans next May.

Your Committee feel that, in this time of financial pressure, when the receipts to all our benevolent operations are falling off, that we have special cause of gratitude to God for the very encouraging feature of our Foreign Mission work known as "Woman's Mission to Woman." May we not hope that the lack of service on the part of brethren is to be more than supplied by this noble and generous work of our sisters?

Your Committee venture these suggestions:

1. That pastors and deacons take pains to give information to their congregations on the subject of Foreign Missions.

2. That the Woman Mission Work be pushed in all our congregations.

3. That all our churches be requested to an immediate return to the Monthly Concert of Prayer for Foreign Missions.

W. H. STRICKLAND.

Bro. J. H. Dargan offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That this Convention recognize the importance and value of the work accomplished by the Central Committee of Woman's Missions in this State.

2. That this Convention takes pleasure in confirming the appointment of this Committee, consisting of the Woman's Mission Society of the Welsh Neck Church, and shall desire to receive annual reports of the operations of the Committee.

Rev. J. C. Furman offered the following, which was adopted:

Whereas it is understood that our brother, Rev. J. K. Mendenhall, at the suggestion of wise brethren, has resolved to devote himself to the work of an evangelist; and whereas the blessing of God has manifestly rested upon his labors in the past; therefore,

Resolved, That we heartily commend our dear brother to the churches and the religious people among whom he may go.

The Chair announced the following Standing Committee:

To Nominate an Executive Board for the Superannuated Ministers' Fund—J. C. Browne, M. L. Ball, J. H. Dargan, J. R. Leavell, T. L. Rhodes.

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. C. Furman.

At 12:45 the Convention resumed business.

Rev. W. J. Snider submitted the Report on Home Missions, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS.

In looking over the vast field to be cultivated, we exclaim, Behold the field is white unto the harvest; and it is our imperative duty as Christians to do what we can to supply the destitution. Every State needs help, and especially Texas and Florida, on account of the continued immigration to these two States. And while we look at the Indian Territory, and hear the earnest cries of the Creek Nation, and also the clamoring of the Shawnees, saying, "Give us schools! Give us schools!" with the commission before us, "go teach," we at once inquire how we shall raise moral power? The answer is, get every preacher and every Sun-

day school superintendent to take up quarterly collections in every church and Sunday school, and get every man, woman and child to give five cents each, and we shall have the handsome sum of over five thousand dollars in this State. This we urge since the Board has dismissed most of the paid agents. The Board has been operating in the most rigid economy, and the debt has been reduced to $6,000. It is gratifying to know that there are some of the native Indians who have gone as voluntary missionaries, and who only receive such compensation as is gratuitously bestowed. Shall we not encourage them, and thus fulfill one of the grand objects of this Convention? Very respectfully,

W. J. SNIDER.

Dr. W. H. McIntosh, Corresponding Secretary Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, addressed the Convention in the interests of his Board; and a collection in cash and good pledges, amounting to $39.71, was taken up.

Mr. Wm. Thayer offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, 1. That the Executive Board be instructed to publish from three hundred to five hundred copies of the minutes of this and of the preceding meeting at Spartanburg as cheaply as practicable.

2. That the constituent bodies of this Convention (churches and Associations) be requested to send up annually a special contribution of two dollars for each delegate sent, in order to defray the expense of publishing the minutes of the Convention.

On motion of Bro. B. W. Edwards, the hour of adjournment was indefinitely postponed.

Rev. John Stout submitted Report of Committee on Suggestions in regard to the work of Home Mission Board, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS.

The Committee on Suggestions of the Executive Board with reference to the operations of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention within the bounds of our State respectfully report that, in their opinion, it is not expedient to advise the Home Mission Board "to apply contributions from this State (unless otherwise designated) directly to work among the Indian tribes, and frontier States," inasmuch as it might have the appearance of unwarranted interference in the affairs of the Home Mission Board.

Your Committee recommend that the Home Mission Board be requested by this Convention to confer with the Executive Board of this Convention with reference to all appointments they may propose to make in this State.

While we would not throw any obstacle in the way of the work of the Home Mission Board in our State, we submit that to simplify the means and modes of collecting funds in our State for that Board, seems to your Committee to be very desirable; and we recommend that the approval of the Convention be given to the plan for consolidating our Agency work with theirs, if such a plan shall be considered feasible by the two Boards.

JOHN STOUT,
C. H. JUDSON,
THOS. P. SMITH.

Rev. J. C. Furman presented Report of Committee on Death of Dr. Richard Fuller, which was adopted by the body rising and standing quietly for a moment:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIAL ON THE DEATH OF DR. RICHARD FULLER.

The Committee appointed to prepare a memorial on the death of Rev. Richard Fuller, D.D., Pastor of Eutaw Place Baptist Church, Baltimore, Md., beg leave to submit the following brief report:

Among the native sons of South Carolina who have risen to stations of conspicuous usefulness, none have filled a wider sphere than the beloved and honored man whose death we mourn. Eminent natural and spiritual gifts fitted him for eminent distinction. His majestic form and face would have suited the dignity of the old Roman Senate chamber. A patrician courtliness of manners, fashioned amid the influences of the polished society which once ruled in the coast country of South Carolina, instantly impressed every beholder. Upon his manly features, decision and gentleness sat strangely blended. He who once met him face to face would have been singularly unobservant if he did not always remember his form, and mien, and aspect. It was like a sight of one of the great achievements of ancient statuary. And when we add to this impressiveness of form and bearing the rich melody of a voice sometimes soft as a woman's, and sometimes swelling into the gusty tones of the storm, we have some of the elements of that power which made our deceased brother everywhere a man of mark.

With ordinary capacities, such advantages of person would have made Dr. Fuller an attractive public speaker. But he was not a man of ordinary capacities. His early career gave evidence that he would have gained the highest success in the practice of law. Among compeers at the bar, acknowledged by all as men of uncommon talent, he strode in early manhood to the very front place, a position which he could not have reached in the absence of a keen logical acumen. His power in this line was less apparent because of its being combined with, not to say overshadowed by, other powers. The vigor of his imagination, the quick play of his fancy, and his rich and fresh diction, joined as they were with an emotional nature, on which conceptions of wit played like the light winds that ripple the surface of a lake, or grander thoughts moved as with the force of the storm that lifts the waves on high, such powers and susceptibilities as these sometimes absorbed the attention of others, and hid from observation his powers of discursive thought.

Such an intellect and such capacities of feeling found their best field amid the truths and motives of "the glorious gospel of the blessed God." With "the power of the Cross" as his theme, masses of men and women hung upon his words, moved, melted, thrilled as by a magic power. His love to his Lord and Saviour was intense: his concern to save souls was a passion; his dependence upon the power of the Holy Spirit for the success of his ministry, made him eminently a *praying* minister. When he went to confer with men about their eternal interests, he went from communion with God. He has left us a noble example of devotion to the pulpit and devoutness in the pulpit. We learn from a valued brother, who not many months ago spent days with him on the seashore of New Jersey, that his mind seemed absorbed with Divine truth. We do not wonder that in his short telegram to his fellow editors of the *Religious Herald*, announcing in his own impressive way, "the supreme struggle," he also declared his unshaken trust in God; nor do we wonder that—the "ruling passion strong in death"—his very last words were, "Who will preach Jesus?"

After more than threescore years and ten, with his natural force unabated, he has gone to his grave deeply lamented by a large multitude who admired and loved him for his commanding talents and the grace of God in him.

Rev. J. C. Browne, from Committee to Nominate a Board for Superannuated Ministers' Fund, offered the following report, which was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE A BOARD FOR SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS.

Your Committee to Nominate a Board for Superannuated Ministers presents the names of the following brethren, as suitable persons:

Wm. Thayer, Thos. P. Smith, G. W. McIver, Zimmerman Davis, J. G. Milnor, S. W. Bookhart, J. R. Leavell, J. R. Boyd, J. S. Croxton.

J. C. BROWNE, Chairman of Committee.

By request, Brother J. W. McCurry was allowed to speak on the above report, and present the objects of the Board to the attention of the Convention.

Rev. O. F. Gregory offered the following, which was adopted :

Resolved, That the Committee appointed to prepare an address to the churches, on State Missions, be allowed to make their report to the State Board after the adjournment of this body.

Rev. J. C. Furman made a brief statement of the work of the Board of Trustees of Furman University, and announced that they had conferred the degree of D.D. on Rev. J. B. Hartwell, of China.

The following Committees, to report in 1877, were announced :

Obituary Notices—J. A. Chambliss, B. W. Edwards, John S. Croxton, G. W. Singleton, J. B. Patrick.

Foreign Missions—John Stout, R. W. Sanders, L. S. Foster, J. H. Dargan, T. P. Smith.

Home Missions—W. D. Rice, C. C. Brown, T. P. Lide, Jr., L. Broaddus, E. R. Lesesne.

Sunday Schools—C. H. Toy, M. L. Ball, J. L. Coker, B. G. Covington, A. B. Woodfin.

Brother J. R. Leavell offered the following, which was adopted unanimously :

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due, and are hereby tendered, to this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members and friends of the Convention ; and to the several railroad companies for conveying the delegates at reduced rates of fare.

Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

A Centennial Mass Meeting was held in the interests of Higher Education, and bearing particularly on Furman University and the Theological Seminary, when addresses were delivered by Revs. W. H. Strickland and John A. Broadus.

SUNDAY.

The regular Missionary Sermon was preached by Rev. Richard Furman (in the absence of the appointees, from ——, "The simplicity of Christ." Rev. John A. Broadus then preached from Rom. ix, 3.

At night, after a sermon from Rev. A. B. Woodfin, the Convention was called to order, a few closing words were spoken by Rev. J. L. Reynolds, the hymn, "Blest be the tie," was sung, the parting hand was taken, and, after prayer by Rev. J. O. B. Dargan, and the benediction, the Convention adjourned without day.

JOHN A. BROADUS, President.

O. F. GREGORY,
ZIMMERMAN DAVIS, } Secretaries.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

WINTHROP WILLIAMS, *Treasurer, in Account with the Executive Board Baptist Convention of South Carolina.*

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1875			
Nov. 30.	To balance brought forward as per last report rendered	$ 263	78
Dec. 30.	To cash from Columbia Church Sabbath school	2	50
1876.			
March 8.	To cash from Newberry Church	10	00
13.	To cash from Ebenezer Church	3	07
18.	To cash from Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	757	82
June 26.	To cash from T. P. Smith and G. W. McIver, for State Missions	50	00
July 6.	To cash from Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	523	53
Aug. 21.	To cash from Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	286	60
Oct. 25.	To cash from Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	491	56
Nov. 16.	To cash from Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent	296	64
16.	To cash from G. W. McIver, for State Missions	50	00
		$2,735	50

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1876.			
March 1.	By Rev. W. A. Pearson, on account traveling expenses to Board Meeting February 29th	4	20
4.	By C. T. Lowndes and Co., on account of note	250	00
4.	By C. T. Lowndes & Co., on interest on do	20	25
16.	By Rev. W. J. Hatfield, Missionary, on account	9	00
18.	By Lancaster Church, through J. S. Croxton	20	65
18.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses.	57	70
18.	By Rev. L. Broaddus, Missionary, on account	10	00
18.	By Rev. W. J. Hatfield, Missionary, on account	9	00
18.	By S. W. Bookhart, traveling expenses to Board meetings.	6	50
18.	By Rev. H. A. Tupper, Foreign Missions	6	50
18.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, salary to November 30th, 1875	234	00
18.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, salary for December, 1875, and January and February, 1876	375	00
18.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account salary for March	18	22
30.	By Rev. A. Jaegar, Missionary, on account	10	00
May 11.	By Rev. H. A. Tupper, Foreign Missions	3	50
June 6.	By Rev. R. R. Brooks, Missionary, on account	4	53
21.	By Rev. T. W. Hart, Missionary, on account	50	00
July 1.	By Rev. C. T. Scaife, Missionary, on account	24	25
6.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses from March 18th to date	51	65
6.	By Rev. W. J. Hatfield, Missionary, on account	10	00
3.	By Rev. T. W. Hart, Missionary, on account	16	50
6.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, salary to May 31st.	356	78
6.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account of June.	22	22
10.	By Rev. G. W. Singleton, Missionary, on account	15	35
10.	By Rev. W. J. Hatfield, Missionary, on account	15	00
10.	By Lancaster Church, through J. S. Croxton	9	00

Aug.	9.	By Lancaster Church, through J. S. Croxton	9 10
	12.	By Rev. R. R. Brooks, Missionary, on account	1 60
	24.	By Rev. C. A. Baynard, Missionary, on account	25 00
	24.	By Rev. H. F. Oliver, Missionary, on account	25 00
	26.	By Rev. J. C. Hudson, Missionary, on account	8 15
	26.	By Rev. J. D. Pitts, Missionary, on account	5 30
	31.	By Rev. G. W. Singleton, Missionary, on account	17 00
	31.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses, from July 10th to date	16 60
	31.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, salary to June 30th.	102 78
	31.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account of July's salary	53 42
Sept.	14.	By Rev. J. D. Pitts, Missionary, on account	8 00
	19.	By Rev. J. C. Hudson, Missionary, on account	51 00
Oct.	9.	By Rev. A. Jaeger, Missionary, on account	15 00
	10.	By Rev. W. W. Sanders, Missionary, on account	10 65
	12.	By Rev. J. N. Entzminger, Missionary, on account	5 30
	25.	By Rev. J. M. Weeks, Missionary, on account	6 80
	25.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, traveling expenses from August 31st to date,	25 60
	25.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, balance in full of July's salary	71 58
	25.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account of salary for August	52 83
Nov.	4.	By Messrs. C. T. Lowndes, note in full	250 00
	13	By Rev. T. W. Hart, Missionary, on account	80 00
	16.	By Rev. G. W. Singleton, Missionary, on account	93 85
	16.	By Rev. R. N. Pratt, Missionary, on account	4 00
	16.	By Rev. H. F. Oliver, Missionary, on account	50 00
	16.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account salary to August 31st	72 17
	16.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account traveling expenses from November 1st to date	16 85
	16.	By Rev. A. W. Lamar, General Agent, on account of salary for September	22 97
	16.	By balance to new year	25 15
			$2,735 50

WINTHROP WILLIAMS,
Treasurer Executive Board State Baptist Convention.

Audited and approved :

WM. H. LYLES, Auditor.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 18th, 1876.

Minutes of the Sunday School Institute,

HELD IN CONNECTION WITH

THE BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

IN THE WELSH NECK CHURCH,

BEGINNING WEDNESDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 22, 1876.

According to the appointment of the State Conventisn of 1875, brethren interested in Sunday school work assembled with the Welsh Neck church, on Wednesday, November 22, at 7.30 P. M.

The meeting was organized by calling Dr. J. A. Broadus to the chair. Rev. John Stout was elected Clerk.

The President introduced the exercises of the evening with some timely remarks as to the importance of maintaining a spirit of enquiry with reference to Sunday school work. We must be ever learning, if we would teach efficiently.

Col. B. W. Edwards read the first Essay, on "The organization of the individual Sunday school." After the reading of the paper, a number of brethren asked questions bearing upon the subject, to which the essayist replied. And a conversational discussion of an animated character ensued. The opinion was prevalent that the expenses of the Sunday school ought to be provided for by the church.

Rev. Luther Broaddus read the next Essay, on "The higher classes of the Sunday school." This subject was discussed as the previous subject had been. The discussion bearing especially upon the suggestions of the Essay as to the pastor's relation to these higher classes. The conclusion seemed to be that when there is no one else to teach such a class, the pastor ought to do it, provided the sermon suffer no lack on account of his previous teaching.

It was

Resolved, That a Committee to consist of the following brethren, C. C. Brown, Luther Broaddus, W. H. Strickland, W. J. Snider, B. W. Edwards, be appointed to report to this Sunday School Institute whether it is desirable and feasible to hold an annual Sunday School Institute in connection with the annual sessions of the Baptist State Convention.

Resolved, That provided this Committee shall come to an affirmative conclusion with reference to the above, they are requested to prepare a programme for the exercises of the next Institute.

It was

Resolved, That this Institute hold a session to morrow afternoon, beginning at 4 o'clock.

The exercises were closed with the benediction.

THURSDAY, November 23.

The Institute convened according to the appointment made. Rev. A. W. Lamar was called to the chair in the absence of the President.

Rev. O. F. Gregory delivered an address on "Primary Class Teaching." The point was made that this class must not be called "The *Infant* Class." The

blackboard was commended to the teacher, and after some discussion of the subject of the address, Bro. Gregory gave an illustrative lesson, employing the blackboard.

The Committee appointed to consider the feasibility of arranging for a permanent organization, reported as follows :

(1.) Your Committee recommends that these Institutes be held annually in connection with the Baptist State Convention.

(2.) That with the consent of the Convention, they be held on Wednesday evening and Thursday afternoon of the session of the Convention.

(3.) That a President and Secretary be elected annually.

(4.)That Dr. C. H. Toy act as President in the *interim* between this and the next Convention.

(5.) That the following brethren be appointed to write Essays for the next Institute, viz :

1. Rev. J. C. Hiden, D. D., on "Sunday School Helps."
2. Rev. J. A. Chambliss, D. D., on "Talking to Children."
3. Rev. John Stout, on "The best means of increasing and retaining attendance upon Sunday school exercises."
4. Col. Zimmerman Davis, on "How to teach an Infant Class."

The recommendations of the Committee were unanimously adopted. And the exercises of the Institute were closed with the benediction by Rev. A. W. Lamar.

JOHN STOUT, Clerk.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

GREENVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH, November 22, 1877.

FIRST DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING.

The Convention met at 10½ o'clock, and in the absence of the President, Bro. John A. Broadus, was called to order by Bro. Richard Furman, Vice President.

The Secretaries of the last meeting being absent, Brethren B. W. Edwards and J. B. Patrick were requested to act as Secretaries until the meeting should be regularly organized.

After the reading of the 118th Psalm and singing the hymn,

"I love thy kingdom, Lord,"

the Convention was led in prayer by Bro. William Henry Strickland, of Anderson.

The names of the following delegates were enrolled:

DELEGATES.

ABBEVILLE ASSOCIATION—J. S. Jordan, R. N. Pratt, Luther Broaddus, B. F. Miller, W. E. Barmore, J. S. Britt, J. H. Wideman, E. R. Caldwell, E. S. Addison.—9.

BARNWELL ASSOCIATION—W. D. Rice.—1.

BETHEL ASSOCIATION—W. C. Gwinn.—1.

CHARLESTON ASSOCIATION—Thomas P. Smith, J. Barrett, W. J. Snider, R. E. White, J. A. Chambliss, Hugh F. Oliver.—6.

COLLETON ASSOCIATION—F. O. S. Curtis.—1.

EDGEFIELD ASSOCIATION—Richard Furman, G. W. Bussey, W. H. Timmerman, E. J. Mims.—4.

EDISTO ASSOCIATION—J. C. Browne.—1.

FAIRFIELD ASSOCIATION—A. W. Lamar, W. C. Lindsay, J. L. Albright, E. R. Stokes, C. M. McJunkin.—5.

FORK ASSOCIATION—J. W. Stribling, J. D. Kay.—2.

GREENVILLE ASSOCIATION—J. C. Hiden, J. C. Furman, A. K. Durham, J. L. Reynolds, J. B. Patrick, G. G. Wells, W. S. Moore, T. J.

Earle, W. Goldsmith, S. Stradley, C. H. Judson, J. C. Smith, J. K. Mendenhall, T. P. Bell.—14.

Reedy River Association—James Packer, John R. Leavell, J. A. Barksdale.—3.

Saluda Association—J. S. Murray, Thomas Dawson, Mike McGee, W. H. Strickland, E. R. Carswell, J. K. Fant, E. B. Murray, J. N. Brown, J. A. Robertson, J. S. Murray, Jr., William McGee, M. B. McGee, C. E. Horton, J. S. McGee.—14.

Savannah River Association—Fred. Jones, C. A. Baynard.—2.

Spartanburg Association—W. L. Brown, J. L. Vass, L. C. Ezell, A. B. Woodruff, J. F. Dargan, J. G. Landrum, R. O. Sams, I. W. Wingo, W. E. Smith.—9.

Twelve Mile River Association—D. W. Hiott, A. B. Alderman, S. A. Gary, G. W. Burroughs, G. W. Singleton, J. C. Watkins.—6.

Welsh Neck Association—John Stout, W. J. Alexander, J. L. Coker, B. W. Edwards.—4.

Anderson Baptist Sunday School—A. S. Stevens, J. H. Clarke.—2.

Bethel Church—E. S. Allen.—1.

Chester Church—J. S. Withers, R. W. Sanders.—2.

Greenville Church—T. Q. Donaldson, T. H. Cooke, D. T. Smith, A. S. Duncan, W. T. Shumate.—5.

Greenwood Church—F. G. Parks.—1.

Little Stevens Creek Church—J. M. McGee.—1.

The following new Associations were afterwards received into the body and the names of their delegates added:

Peedee Association—J. A. W. Thomas, G. W. Easterling, W. P. Lester, W. E. Thomas, T. P. Lide, Jr., Frank Allen.—6.

Santee Association—M. L. Ball, C. C. Brown, H. W. Mahoney, W. L. Touchberry.—4.

Union Association—R. M. Robinson.—1.

Total number of delegates present—105.

Brethren A. K. Durham and J. S. Withers were appointed tellers, and the Convention proceeded to the election of a President.

At the request of the presiding officer, Brother J. L. Reynolds conducted religious exercises during the counting of the vote. Prayer by Brother Mahoney.

The tellers reported Brother Richard Furman elected President of the Convention.

On motion of Brother Lamar, the Convention proceeded to the election of Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, and Treasurer at one ballot.

The tellers having retired to count the vote, devotional exercises were resumed. Prayer by Brethren A. E. Dickinson, Luther Broaddus, C. C. Brown and J. B. Hartwell, and remarks by Brother J. P. Boyce.

The tellers reported the election of Brethren Luther Broaddus and E.

B. Murray, Secretaries, and C. H. Judson, Treasurer. No election of Vice President.

By unanimous consent, on motion of Brother J. A. Chambliss, Brother B. W Edwards was elected, by acclamation, Vice President of the Convention.

Brother M. L. Ball, in behalf of the Santee Association, applied for its admission as a constituent member of the body. On motion, the Association was received, and the names of its delegates enrolled. [See roll of delegates.]

A similar application was made and motion adopted with reference to the Peedee Association, and the names of its delegates were enrolled. [See roll of delegates.]

A similar application was made and motion adopted with reference to the Union Association, and the name of its delegate was enrolled. [See roll of delegates.]

On motion of Brother J. L. Reynolds, visiting brethren were invited to seats with us and participation in our deliberations; and Brother J. P. Boyce, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Brother J. B. Hartwell, recently of China, and Brother A. E. Dickinson, of Richmond, Va., were thereupon received.

Brother C. C. Brown stated that two colored brethren, representatives of the colored Baptists of the State, were present, and, on motion of Brother W. H. Strickland, Brethren I. P. Brockenton and E. M. Brawley were invited to seats as messengers from the Colored Baptist State Convention of South Carolina.

On motion of Brother W. L. Brown, the reading of the Constitution was dispensed with.

On motion of Brother A. K. Durham, it was

Resolved, That the Convention meet at 10 A. M., and adjourn at 1 P. M.; meet at 3 P. M., and adjourn at pleasure.

On motion of Brother J. L. Reynolds, this resolution was reconsidered, and Brother T. H. Cooke moved to amend as follows: Meet at 10 and adjourn at 2; meet at 7, and adjourn at pleasure. Pending the discussion of the amendment, on motion of Brother J. A. Chambliss, the whole matter was referred to a committee consisting of the pastor and deacons of the Greenville church.

The same brethren were also appointed a committee on religious exercises.

On motion of Brother J. L. Reynolds, a committee of two was appointed to confer with Brother Boyce with reference to the appointment of a suitable time at which he would address the Convention in the interest of the Seminary.

Under this resolution, the President appointed Brethren J. L. Reynolds and C. H. Judson.

Brother W. H. Strickland moved that the report of the Coresponding Secretary of the State Mission Board be made the special order for 10½ o'clock to-morrow morning. Adopted.

On motion of Brother J. L. Coker, Brother J. B. Hartwell was re-

quested to address the body upon the China Missions in connection with the report on Foreign Missions.

Brother W. D. Rice moved that the report on Foreign Missions be heard Saturday morning at 11 o'clock. Adopted.

The President stated that he held in his hand a communication from the Anderson Baptist church, inviting this body to hold its next session with them. On motion, the communication was referred to the committee to be appointed on time and place of next meeting.

On motion of Brother C. C. Brown, to-morrow, 12 o'clock, was appointed as the time at which to hear the messengers of the State Convention of Colored Baptists.

The following report of the committee on hours of meeting and adjourning was adopted:

Meet at 9½; adjourn at 2; meet at 7; adjourn at will.

The committee on religious exercises reported as follows: Religious services from 9½ to 10 o'clock. Introductory sermon to-night at 7; preacher, Brother C. C. Brown, of Sumter. The report was adopted.

It was moved and adopted, that when the Convention adjourns, it adjourn to meet to-morrow at 9½ A. M.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. A. Chambliss.

THURSDAY NIGHT.

The introductory sermon was preached by Brother C. C. Brown, of Sumter, from Romans vii, 14–25.

At the close of the sermon, the President announced the following committees:

On Accounts—T. P. Smith, J. S. Withers, T. H. Cooke, E. R. Stokes, A. B. Woodruff.

To Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention—A. K. Durham, W. D. Rice, W. L. Touchberry, J. L. Albright, W. J. Snider.

To Nominate an Executive Board—E. R. Carswell, W. E. Thomas, H. W. Mahoney, E. S. Allen, B. F. Miller.

On Ministers' Names and Postoffices—A. W. Lamar, J. A. W. Thomas, J. L. Vass, M. L. Ball, J. K. Mendenhall.

On Time and Place of Next Meeting, and Persons to Preach—J. S. Murray, Sr., C. C. Brown, J. Barrett, G. W. Easterling, J. L. Coker.

SECOND DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING.

The Convention met at 9½ o'clock, and engaged in devotional services until ten, conducted by Brother I. W. Wingo; after which the minutes of yesterday's proceedings were read, corrected and confirmed.

The report of the State Mission Board, being the special order for 10½ o'clock, was read by the Corresponding Secretary, A. W. Lamar. [See Appendix A.]

The report of the Treasurer of the Board was received, and, on motion of Brother J. B. Patrick, was referred to the Committee on Accounts. [See Appendix B.]

Brother L. Colby, of the Benedict Institute, was invited to a seat in the body.

A letter of resignation from Brother A. W. Lamar, General Agent, was read by Brother B. W. Edwards.

The report of the State Mission Board was, on motion of Brother J. A. Chambliss, referred to three committees, as follows:

On Last Year's Work of the Board—J. L. Reynolds, W. C. Lindsay, G. G. Wells.

On the Financial Part of the Report—S. Stradley, J. H. Wideman, J. C. Smith.

On Future of the Board—J. C. Hiden, J. S. Murray, J. G. Landrum.

On motion of Brother J. A. Chambliss, the letter of resignation of Brother Lamar was referred to the Committee on the Future of the Board.

Brother W. H. McIntosh, of the Home Mission Board Southern Baptist Convention, was invited to a seat in the body.

Brother J. L. Reynolds, from the committee to confer with Brother Boyce, reported that he would be ready to address the Convention in the interest of the Seminary at 10½ o'clock to-morrow, and, on motion, that matter was made the special order for that hour.

Brother B. W. Edwards moved that the report of the Committee on Home Missions be heard at 1 P. M. to-morrow, and that in connection with that report Brother McIntosh be requested to address the Convention. Adopted.

The Committee on Time and Place of Next Meeting and Persons to Preach reported as follows:

That the next meeting be held with the church at Sumter on Thursday before the 4th Lord's day in November, 1878. Introductory sermon by W. J. Alexander; alternate, W. C. Lindsay. Missionary sermon by J. C. Hiden; alternate, L. H. Shuck.

J. S. MURRAY, Sr., *Chairman.*

After remarks by Brethren C. C. Brown, E. B. Murray, T. H. Cooke, W. H. Strickland, W. J. Snider, G. W. Singleton, J. C. Furman, A. K. Durham and W. D. Rice, the report was adopted.

A resolution was read by Brother J. A. Chambliss with reference to a change of time of meeting of this body, and, on motion, it was referred to a committee, consisting of J. A. Chambliss, W. J. Snider, G. W. Singleton, John Stout, F. G. Parks, W. L. Brown, L. C. Ezell.

The hour for the special order having arrived, Brethren Brockenton and Brawley, from the Colored Baptist State Convention, addressed the Convention, after introductory remarks by Brother B. W. Edwards.

The President read a letter from Benjamin L. Brisbane, and remarks

were made by Brethren J. L. Reynolds and Thomas Dawson with reference to the condition and claims of the colored Baptists of South Carolina.

Brother E. R. Carswell read some resolutions with reference to work among the colored people, which, on motion of Brother John Stout, were referred to a select committee of seven, consisting of W. D. Rice, R. N. Pratt, J. B. Patrick, D. T. Smith, W. S. Moore, J. S. Jordan, W. E. Barmore.

Brother A. K. Durham, from the Committee to Nominate Delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, reported. On motion of Brother B. W. Edwards, the name of Brother R. W. Lide was stricken out, and that of Brother A. K. Durham inserted, and the report thus amended was adopted as follows:

Report of Committee on Nomination of Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention, to Meet at Nashville, Tenn., May 10, 1878.

We recommend that the following brethren be appointed by this body as delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention:

R. Furman, J. L. Reynolds, J. C. Hiden, C. H. Judson, J. K. Mendenhall, J. A. Chambliss, J. C. Furman, L. H. Shuck, W. H. Strickland, W. D. Rice, W. C. Lindsay, Luther Broaddus, J. O. B. Dargan, T. P. Smith, B. W. Edwards, J. A. W. Thomas, J. G. Landrum, C. C. Brown, J. L. Vass, G. W. Singleton, W. L. Brown, T. H. Cooke, J. S. Jordan, John Stout, R. W. Sanders, S. W. Bookhart, A. W. Lamar, E. R. Carswell, J. S. Murray, E. R. Stokes, F. Jones, T. P. Lide, Jr., R. N. Pratt, Wm. Thayer, J. S. Croxton, J. F. Buist, W. A. Pearson, John S. Withers, G. G. Wells, J. B. Patrick, W. J. Snider, J. C. Hudson, T. W. Hart, J. W. McCurry, J. L. Coker, M. L. Ball, J. C. Browne, A. T. Latta, B. Bonner, T. W. Mellichamp, J. H. Wideman, R. B. Watson, A. K. Durham, T. J. Earle, I. W. Wingo, Samuel Stadley, J. C. Smith, A. S. Duncan, E. S. Allen, A, B. Woodruff, John G. Williams, B. F. Miller, W. A. Therrell, Thomas Dawson, T. Q. Donaldson, R. F. Whilden, L. C. Ezell, E. B. Murray, T. P. Bell, L. Cuthbert, J. R. Leavell, W. A. Gaines.

The Committee would recommend that vacancies in this list be supplied by brethren not here named, who may attend the Convention.

Respectfully submitted.

A. K. DURHAM.

Brother C. H. Judson moved that the special order for 7 o'clock tomorrow night be the subject of education, with special reference to Furman University. Adopted.

Brother E. R. Carswell, from the Committee to Nominate an Executive Board, reported. On motion of Brother John Stout the report was recommitted

Brother T. P. Smith read the report of Brother Thayer, Chairman of the Committee on Fund for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Orphans of Deceased Ministers. [See Appendix C,] which, on motion of Brother B. W. Edwards, was referred to a committee of five, consisting of

J. L. Coker, C. H. Judson, A. S. Duncan, R. E. White, J. H. Clarke. [See Appendix C.]

Brother J. L. Reynolds moved that a committtee of five be appointed to arrange for the meeting on education to-morrow night. Adopted.

The President appointed as this committee the Faculty of Furman University.

On motion of Brother C. C. Brown, the Committee on Ministers and their Postoffices were instructed to present their report to the Executive Board after the adjournment of the body. [See Appendix D.]

On motion, the Convention adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. S. Murray, Sr.

FRIDAY NIGHT.

At 7 o'clock the Convention was called to order by the President, and led in prayer by Bro. J. L. Reynolds.

Brother J. S. Lawton, of Atlanta, Ga., was recognized and invited to a seat.

Brother I. D. Durham was also invited to a seat.

Brother Lawton, by invitation of the President, made some remarks as to his personal feelings of gratification at being able to meet with the Convention, and stated that he came as a messenger of the Georgia State Convention.

The Committee on Last Year's Work of the Board reported as follows:

Report of Committee on Last Year's Work of Board.

The Committee to whom was referred the "Last year's work of the Board" respectfully report that, as the entire report of the Board is to be spread upon the minutes of the body, they deem it unnecessary to do anything beyond expressing their gratification at the energetic and successful management of its affairs, both religious and financial; and their conviction that the results of the year's work are greatly due to the zeal and efficiency of its Secretary, Brother Lamar.

J. L. REYNOLDS,
G. G. WELLS,
W. C. LINDSAY.

On motion, the report was adopted.

The Committee to nominate an Executive Board reported.

On motion of Bro. A. K. Durham, the report was laid on the table.

The Committee on the Future of the Board offered their report, which, after remarks by Brethren A. K. Durham, J. C. Hiden, T. H. Cooke, J. C. Furman, J. B. Patrick, W. H. Strickland, J. S. Murray, J. L. Vass, R. W. Sanders, W. L. Brown and E. B. Murray, was unanimously adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on the Future of the Board.

The Committee on the Future of the Board beg leave to report, that they were gratified at the results of our Mission work during the past year; and they recommend that the arrangement recommended by the Board be adopted for the coming year; that the resignation of the Secretary be not accepted; and, that in view of the considerable reduction of the expenses of collection, the pastors of our churches throughout the State should urge the brethren to contribute more freely to the cause of Missions, in order to meet the deficiency which might otherwise be found in the receipts.

The report of the Committee to Nominate an Executive Board was taken from the table, and, on motion, was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee to Nominate an Executive Board.

Your Committee beg leave to report that this Board consist of W. C. Lindsay, President; Dr. S. W. Bookhart, Vice President; A. J. Dodamead, Treasurer; W. H. Lyles, Auditor; A. W. Lamar, Cor. Sec. and General Agent; E. R. Stokes, C. M. McJunkin, W. H. Strickland, R. W. Sanders, M. B. McGee, G. G. Wells and J. R. Leavell. Location, Columbia, S. C. Respectfully submitted.

E. R. CARSWELL, Jr.

Brother E. B. Murray offered a resolution with reference to a plan of systematic effort for the collection of funds for benevolent objects, and moved that it be referred to a special committee of five.

The motion was carried, and the following committee appointed: C. H. Judson, E. B. Murray, J. H. Wideman, T. P. Smith, J. L. Vass.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. S. Lawton.

THIRD DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING.

The Convention met at 9½ o'clock. Religious services conducted by Brother W. L. Brown.

The roll of delegates was called, and the minutes of the previous day read, corrected and confirmed.

On motion of Brother T. H. Cooke, Brethren Lamar, Oliver and McJunkin were appointed a committee to take up a collection for Brother Thomas Dawson. The collection was taken, amounting to $13.70.

The time having arrived for the special order, Brother J. P. Boyce was invited to the platform, and addressed the Convention in regard to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Brother E. R. Carswell moved the appointment of a select committee of three to prepare suitable resolutions with reference to the Seminary. The motion prevailed, and the following brethren were appointed: J. L. Reynolds, T. H. Cooke, J. A. W. Thomas.

The special order for 11 o'clock being Foreign Missions, Brother John Stout presented the report of the committee.

Brother J. B. Hartwell, by special invitation, addressed the Convention on the China Missions. After further remarks by Brethren Sanders and Lawton, the report was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Foreign Missions.

Your committee would not presume to bring before this body a discussion as to the Divine authority for missions, or the imperative duty to engage in the work, for often and again these themes have been before this Convention, and we are fully committed to the work and practically engaged in it.

Our service shall consist in presenting a review of the condition of our foreign mission work—an honest look at the difficulties, and some brief suggestions as to the remedies which *we* may apply.

Of course we can attempt no detailed account of the condition of the work—only an idea of its general condition, whether prosperous or the reverse.

The business of preaching and teaching during the last year has progressed quietly and efficiently. No station in China has been abandoned, and perhaps the average number of baptisms has been reported. In Italy some changes of stations have been made, some new work has been undertaken, and Bro. Taylor's fitness for the office of Superintendent of our Italian Missions has been abundantly demonstrated. In Africa the former stations of the Board have been opened, and some faithful members gathered, and arrangements made for active prosecution of the work. In all our fields a sound, satisfactory missionary work is in progress, and let it be remembered that *this is success*.

But everywhere our force is inadequate and crippled. Valuable men and women are overburdened, and we may fear other saddening additions to our invalid list.

Three of our China missionaries, with their wives, are in this country, doing good work, it is true, as agents, but all longing to return to their *chosen* labor. Brother Simmons reports, "ready to go," his wife having been restored to health, but the Board have no funds for the expenses of his return. Brother Williams and Brother Hartwell could hardly go if funds were in hand, because of the enfeebled health of their wives. And Miss Edmonia Moon, recently returned an invalid, is perhaps permanently withdrawn from China.

The noble David escaped from Africa "just in time to save his life," so his physicians tell him, and he is slowly recruiting in England.

Brother Taylor deplores the lack of funds to establish himself in Rome.

These depressing facts connected with our missionary field and force are outweighed, perhaps, by distressing features in the present attitude of the churches to the work of foreign missions. The confidence of the churches in the Board seems to be unimpaired, but their interest has waned. All over the land apathy as to the work of the Lord among the heathen seems to have settled down upon His people—we speak, of course, of the general aspect. There are, and ever will be, we trust, some notable and blessed exceptions.

Now let us consider what may be done to revive and relieve the work. Let us dismiss at once all idea of volunteering advice to the brethren of the Board. They are wise men and true, and are conducting their affairs with prudence and zeal. Hands off the machinery! It is good enough. And we will not consider what other States and persons ought to do, but what we of South Carolina may do in the way of improving the moral and financial condition of the Foreign Mission enterprise.

(1) We may cultivate a *missionary conviction.* To quote the *Examiner and Chronicle*, "the urgent wide-spreading need is a missionary conviction—a profound belief that Jesus Christ has himself laid the missionary cause in the hearts and consciences of his people, and that he requires every one of them to help it according to the measure of his ability." If this conviction were prevailing who can doubt that systematic and generous giving would take the place of the spasmodic and niggardly giving that seems to be the general order.

We may *cultivate* this conviction. How? The first and best and indispensable agency is a *missionary pulpit.* Missions must be preached, and that not always with reference to an immediate collection, but sometimes with a simple purpose of fixing and deepening the missionary conviction.

(2) *Missionary intelligence may be disseminated.* Without this missionary interest cannot thrive. Abundant information is easily accessible, for the *Foreign Mission Journal*, published at Richmond monthly, can be had for 50 cents a single copy, or by clubs of five at 40 cents, and by clubs of twenty or more at 30 cents. Every church should have a club.

(3) *Prayer for missions* must be elevated to its proper place in our estimate of the factors that enter into the success of missionary work. Spurgeon has recently said with reference to this: "Oh for some five hundred Elijahs, each one upon his Carmel, crying unto God, and we should soon have the clouds bursting with showers. Oh for more prayer—more constant, incessant mention of the mission cause in prayer—and then the blessing will surely come."

Your committee would earnestly and affectionately urge the organization of the monthly concert of prayer for missions in all the churches. And let "Him that seeth in secret" often behold our desires spread before him in our closets.

(4) *We may foster the Woman's Mission movement.* The design of the Central Committee is to organize in every church a society of their sisters to excite the missionary spirit of the church, and especially to gather funds for the support of our woman missionaries. This is a work entirely practicable for country churches. Let our sisters everywhere be encouraged to take hold of it. Information about organizing, &c., can be had of Miss M. E. McIntosh, Society Hill.

(5) *We may teach and train the young to believe in the work of missions and to give to it.* The committee would emphasize this suggestion. It is based upon successful experiment. It *may be done* because it *has been done.* It must be done if the churches of the next generation are to be intelligently and heartily missionary. Nothing can be more easily taught a child than that it is his duty to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ. Training him to give is simple and pleasant. Three things are

necessary to it—a regular opportunity—a personal object—the example of his elders. These will soon induce a habit and a love of giving.

Let every Sunday school superintendent feel that he is unfaithful so long as he declines or neglects to teach his school to believe in missions and to give. And let parents remember that this is a part of the "admonition of the Lord," which they can not deny their children and be true to their trust.

Respectfully submitted by

JOHN STOUT, *Chairman*

Brother John Stout submitted the following report of the Central Committee of the "Woman's Mission to Woman" Society, which was adopted:

First Annual Report of the Central Committee of the Baptist Woman's Mission Societies.

The last Convention having formally recognized this Committee as a part of its working force, and requested them to present annual reports of their operations to the Convention, the Committee take pleasure in accepting official relationship to the Convention, and offer their first report. In this it will not be out of place, it is presumed, to present some account of the origin of their work, and a statement of what has been accomplished in the two years preceding this.

Early in 1875 Dr. Chambliss, then Chairman of the State Committee on Foreign Missions, proposed to some ladies of the Welsh Neck Church to organize Societies of ladies in the churches throughout the State to collect funds for a mission residence for the ladies of the Canton Mission who are the special representatives of South Carolina Baptists—Mrs. Williams and Miss Whilden. The ladies accepted the service; but determined, with Dr. C.'s approval, to enlarge the plan They preferred to organize "Woman's Mission Societies," whose work for "Woman's Missions" might go on after the mission residence for our ladies should be built.

There were already some five or six Woman's Mission Societies in the State, working independently of each other, and for various objects. The first effort of the Committee was to engage the interest of these existing Societies, and to gain their consent to work for a common object and through this Committee. In this they were happily successful, every Society acceding to the proposition promptly and heartily.

The next step was to secure the interest of some lady in the several churches that were supposed to have a good degree of missionary spirit, and to authorize and induce each one to organize a Society in her church, whose immediate object should be gathering funds for the mission residence.

The next step was to enlarge the list of churches, and secure from every available source a list of ladies likely to be interested in this Woman's Work.

Circulars and letters have been sent first and last to about 350 persons in 300 churches, and favorable responses have been received from 108, while forty-four others have written encouragingly, but have not yet co-operated with the Committee

The first year forty-two new Societies were formed, forty-six altogether contributed to the work, and $1,265.64 were received for the building and $10 for Miss Whilden's school

The second year twenty-five new Societies were formed, and $947.54 were received for the building fund, and $27.25 for Miss Whilden's school, from 60 Societies and 26 individuals.

Only a very few Societies have ceased to work. Some do not contribute every quarter, but a large number do The Committee consider that there are sixty-two Societies in co-operation with them now, and they very gratefully acknowledge the increasing interest which Sunday schools are manifesting in this work.

Up to the beginning of the present year, $2,213.18 were received for the Mission residence. But on account of the straitened condition of the Foreign Mission Board, the Committee, with the approval of Dr. Tupper, suspended their work in that direction this year, and have been working for Miss Whilden's support and the support of her school. $685 52 have been received this year to date, and it is believed that the receipts from the current quarter's collection will bring this amount to at least $1,000, which will supply the funds for Miss Whilden's support and that of her school, and leave something to be added to the Building Fund.

It may be well to state the relation of this Committee to the Foreign Mission Board. They are auxiliary to that Board; all funds collected by them passing through the Corresponding Secretary's hands for the support of the missionary work of the Board.

In conclusion, the Committee beg leave to state the facts and principles which have given direction to their labors Social customs bar our brethren missionaries to a great extent from access to heathen *women* *Women* alone can reach them, and, therefore, women *must* reach them and sanctify the mother-power of paganism to the service of Him whose gospel possesses peculiar claims to the gratitude of women. To share in the blessedness of their sisters who have given themselves personally to this work. is the purpose and the privilege of your Committee and the women whom they represent.

The Committee return thanks for the support this Convention has given them, and to many brethren who have most kindly given good counsel and have furthered their plans.

For information with reference to the work of the Committee brethren and sisters are referred to Miss M. E. McIntosh, Chairman, at Society Hill

Respectfully submitted for the Committee, by their pastor,

JOHN STOUT.

Brother J. B. Patrick submitted the following report, which, after remarks by Brother Lamar, was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred that portion of the report of the State Mission Board relating to its finances, beg leave to express their gratification at its present healthy condition. Since the Treasurer's last report they have received contributions sufficient, with available assets

now on hand, to liquidate the entire indebtedness of the Board, and leave a small balance on hand. Respectfully,

SAMUEL STRADLEY,
J. H WIDEMAN,
J. C. SMITH.

Brother J. A. Chambliss presented the following report, which was adopted:

The Committee to whom was referred a resolution inquiring as to the propriety of changing the time of the annual meeting of this body, beg leave to report: That after somewhat general consultation with members of the Convention, we deem it inexpedient to recommend any change.

J. A. CHAMBLISS, *Chairman.*

The report of the Committee on Obituaries was presented by Brother J. A. Chambliss, and, on motion, was recommitted.

Brother J. L. Reynolds submitted the following report, which was adopted:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the address of Dr. Boyce respectfully report the following resolutions, and advise their adoption by the Convention:

Resolved, That this Convention retains unabated its devotion to the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and its desire and prayer for its prosperity.

Resolved, That Dr. Boyce be requested to appoint, at such time as he may deem expedient, an agent to solicit in the State contributions to the fund for the permanent endowment of the Seminary.

Resolved, That this Convention urge upon the Baptists of South Carolina the importance of the work, inasmuch as the Seminary is the offspring of this body, and has been steadily fostered by it up to the attainment of its present vigorous growth, and its promise of great and permanent usefulness to the denomination and to the world.

J. L. REYNOLDS, *Chairman.*

Brother J. L Coker, from the Committee on Fund for Indigent Ministers, reported. On motion, the report was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Fund for Indigent Ministers.

The Committee to whom was referred the report of the Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, ask leave to report: That in view of the present condition of the finances of this Board and of their failure to secure the co-operation of the brethren throughout the State in forming a society with a permanent fund for the benefit of indigent ministers and their families, we are forced to the conclusion that the plan is at this time impracticable with the agencies employed by the Convention for the purpose.

We are informed by brethren from several Associations that our aged ministers are receiving aid directly from their Associations, and that there is a probability that the duty of providing for these worthy brethren will be acknowledged and performed, in case the matter is referred by this Convention to the Associations.

We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

1st. That Article XII of the Constitution of this Convention be repealed.

2d. That we earnestly urge the churches and Associations throughout the State to assume the duty of supplying the necessities of our indigent ministers and their families.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. COKER, *Chairman.*

Brother C. H. Judson, from the committee appointed on the resolutions of Brother E. B. Murray, presented their report, which, after remarks by Brother C. C. Brown, was adopted, as follows:

The Committee on a Plan of Systematic Benevolence, recommended by Brother E. B. Murray, of the Saluda Association, respectfully report: That they believe the plan of referring the matter of systematic benevolence to a separate Board of the Association is a good and important feature of the plan, which has been so successful in the Saluda Association. As to that part of the plan designating a specific sum as a minimum which each member is expected to contribute, there will be difference of opinion, and the committee recommend that the matter be referred to the State Mission Board, with instruction to urge upon the several Associations of the State some general plan, leaving it to each Association to arrange the details of the plan.

Respectfully submitted.

C. H. JUDSON,
E. B. MURRAY,
J. H. WIDEMAN.
J. L. VASS,
T. P. SMITH.

The following report of the Committee on Religious Exercises was adopted:

Baptist church—Sunday school at 9 o'clock; ten minute speeches beginning at 10¼ o'clock, by J. L. Vass and B. F. Miller. Preaching at 11 A. M., by Rev. R. Furman; at 7½ P. M., by Rev. John Stout. Sunday school celebration at 3½ P. M.; speakers W. H. Strickland and J. A. Chambliss.

Methodist church—11 A. M., J. A. W. Thomas; 7½ P. M., J. G. Landrum.

Presbyterian church—11 A. M, W. H. McIntosh.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the report of the Committee on Home Missions was read by Bro. W. D. Rice.

Bro W. H. McIntosh, Cor. Sec. Home Mission Board, by invitation, addressed the Convention, after which the report was adopted, as follows:

Report of the Committee on Home Missions of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Your Committee regard the work of this Board as second in importance to none of the Christian enterprises of our denomination. In the department of Domestic Missions, its agency has been potent in all the States, giving to the destitute the word of life, and fostering feeble churches at important centres of influence and population, especially in towns and some of our larger cities.

Our State Boards do not and cannot reach fields beyond their State lines, and but for this Board these fields must remain uncultivated.

In the Indian department the work is not less important than Foreign Missions, while the fields are more accessible and yield a quicker and richer harvest.

The aboriginal tribes of this country have peculiar claims upon us, and such as cannot be slighted and we be guiltless before God.

We commend the Board to the earnest prayers and liberal contributions of our brethren.

W. D. RICE,
C. C. BROWN,
T. P. LIDE, JR.,
L. BROADDUS,
Committee.

Brother J. A. Chambliss submitted the report of the Committee on Obituaries, which was adopted by a rising vote.

The President announced the following committees, to report next year:

On Obituary Notices—J. K. Mendenhall, T. J. Earle, T. P. Lide, Sr., G. W. Bussey. T. P. Bell.

On Foreign Missions—J. C. Browne, C. A. Baynard, W. J. Alexander, D. W. Hiott, J. F. Dargan.

On Home Missions—F. Jones, Hugh F. Oliver, J. M. McGee, F. G. Parks, James Packer.

On Sunday Schools—W. C. Lindsay, Wm. McGee, C. M. McJunkin, R. O. Sams, Wm. Goldsmith.

Brother T. P. Smith, from the Committee on Accounts, reported:

Report of Committee on Accounts.

From the Treasurer of the Convention they have nothing before them to report on.

As to the account of the Treasurer of the Executive Board they would

say that the account before them is duly audited. But your committee would recommend that instead of the receipts of the Board being credited as so much received from the General Agent, each Association should have the credit for amounts contributed by them, and should so appear in the published statements in the minutes of the Convention.

Respectfully submitted

THOS. P. SMITH, *Chairman.*

On motion, the report was adopted.

Brother B. W. Edwards, in behalf of the Board of Trustees of Furman University, offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That no member of the Faculty of the Furman University shall at any time hereafter be elected a member of the Board of Trustees.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Brother Hugh F. Oliver.

SATURDAY NIGHT.

The Convention met at 7 o'clock, and was led in devotional services by Brother J. C. Furman.

The special order for the hour being the subject of education, with particular reference to Furman University, the Convention was addressed in the interests of that institution by Brethren J. C. Furman, J. C. Hiden, C. H. Judson, J. A. W. Thomas, Hugh F. Oliver, R. W. Sanders, B. W. Edwards.

On motion of Brother Edwards, the special order was suspended, and the Convention proceeded with its regular business.

On motion, the Committee on Sunday Schools were allowed further time and instructed to report to the Executive Board. [See Appendix E]

On motion of Brother A. K. Durham,

Resolved, That we have learned with pleasure of the improved prospects of our denominational paper, the *Working Christian*, now known as the *Baptist Courier*. With its present corps of editors, Rev. Drs. J. L Reynolds, R Furman, J. C. Hiden and J. A. Chambliss, it cannot fail to be instructive, and we cordially commend it to the patronage of our brethren.

Brother W. D. Rice reported in behalf of the committee on the resolutions of Brother Carswell with reference to the colored people. After amendments and remarks by Brother C. C. Brown, the report was adopted, as follows:

Report of Committee on Colored People.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the resolutions of Brother Carswell in regard to the colored people, beg leave respectfully to report that they find expressions of pleasure on every side, among the members of this Convention, that the colored Baptists of this State have formed themselves into a body for the promotion of Education, Missions and Sunday Schools among their own people; and, more particularly, that Rev. I. P. Brockenton and Rev. E. M. Brawley were sent by our colored brethren to bear to this Convention the following resolutions:

"1st. That this (their) Convention exchange fraternal greetings with the Convention of white Baptists, to meet in Greenville, in November.

"2d. That we (they) shall rejoice to receive any advice or counsel from our white brethren, calculated to aid in more complete organization, and in founding our Home and Foreign Missionary movements."

In response to these resolutions, your committee take pleasure in expressing their gratification at the remarks of these brethren, and reassure our colored brethren throughout the State of the deep concern we have always felt in all that pertains to their spiritual and material interests, and which has been repeatedly expressed on the floor of this Convention, and published in its minutes.

We further express to them our willingness not only to hear their messengers, sent to us to importune our aid and advice, and to confer with us in regard to their spiritual affairs, but also to extend to them the fraternal hand, and to pledge ourselves to promote, as far as lies in our power, their spiritual interests. We rejoice in the effort they are making to educate their ministry, and to elevate their churches and people. We bid them God speed.

Inasmuch as we deem it wise to leave our State Board untrammelled, as heretofore, we disapprove of the resolution to instruct it in this matter; but commend to its earnest consideration the claims of our colored brethren, and recommend that, as far as it may find it practicable, our Board shall co-operate with the Executive Board of the Baptist Educational, Missionary and Sunday School Convention.

We heartily approve of all judicious efforts looking to the education of their ministry, and urge our brethren, throughout the State, to increased activity in this direction.

Your committee also recommend that this Convention appoint two brethren to bear our fraternal greetings to the Baptist Educational, Missionary and Sunday School Convention, to assemble at Orangeburg on the first Wednesday in May, 1878.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. D. RICE,
J. B. PATRICK,
D. T. SMITH,
W. S. MOORE,
J. S. JORDAN,
Committee.

In connection with the report the President read a communication

from Brother L. Colby, President of the Benedict Institute, giving interesting information with regard to that institution.

Brother W. H. Strickland offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this body are due and are hereby tendered to this community for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the members and friends of the Convention; to the several railroad companies for carrying the delegates at reduced rates; and to the other denominations of the place for the use of their houses of worship.

Brother J. B. Patrick presented a request from the Baptist Historical Society, asking permission to publish a notice in the minutes of this body. On motion of Brother Edwards, the request was granted.

On motion of Brother W. D. Rice, it was ordered that the funds collected to-morrow be equally divided between the Home Mission Board, Foreign Mission Board and State Mission Board.

The President appointed Brethren J. A. Chambliss and C. C. Brown messengers to the Colored Baptist State Convention to meet in May next.

On motion, adjourned. Prayer by Brother J. K. Mendenhall.

SUNDAY.

The Missionary Sermon before the Convention was preached in the Baptist church by Brother Richard Furman, at 11 o'clock A. M. The other appointments by the Committee on Religious Services were filled.

At night, after a sermon by Brother John Stout, the hymn,

"Blest be the tie that binds,"

was sung, the parting hand was given, and the Convention finally adjourned.

RICHARD FURMAN, *President.*

LUTHER BROADDUS, } *Secretaries.*
E. B. MURRAY, }

APPENDIX A.

Report of the Executive Board.

Dear Brethren—In presenting the report of our operations since your last meeting we desire, first of all, to record our grateful thanksgiving to a gracious God for his signal mercies to us. The lives and health of our missionaries have been spared. In all these years of our operations we have not been called upon to mourn the death of a missionary, and upon their labors God has set his seal.

A Review of the Work.

A review of our work for the six years now closing will, we hope, furnish cause for encouragement and thanksgiving to God. Many of your body will remember that at the meeting in Camden, six years since, it was seriously considered whether or not the work of State Missions should be abandoned. The outlook was gloomy. Our denomination was disorganized—as far as co-operative effort was concerned. Not more than one in twenty of our five hundred churches were giving to, or knew any thing of, or cared anything about, State Missions; not one of the twenty Associations of the State was officially committed to the work; we had an empty treasury, and only one missionary under appointment from this Convention; the great mass of our brethren were not in sympathy with your operations, while positive opposition existed in many parts of our State. In the face of these facts it was determined to make another vigorous effort. We stand upon the fruits of our labors. Consider that, beginning with an empty treasury, six years ago, we have commissioned *fifty-two* missionaries. They have been instrumental in the professed conversion of more than fourteen hundred souls; have brought into existence *thirty* new churches. A number of important centres of influence, as Walhalla, Pendleton, Abbeville, Florence, Hardeeville, Brunson's, Johnston, Easley's and Beaufort, have been seized upon and built up, while many weak churches have been made strong, and many waste places have been made to "rejoice and blossom as the rose." A majority of the Associations are in hearty sympathy with, and are, by their official acts, co-operating with, your Board; while the number of churches contributing regularly to State Missions is yearly increasing. Your Agent has preached more than 2,000 sermons, besides missionary and other addresses, and has collected for the objects fostered by your body more than $22,000. Surely we have abundant cause for devout thanksgiving, for encouragement, and for renewed efforts for the future.

Work of 1877.

At your last meeting the Board was in debt to the extent of $1,763.05. You gave positive instructions that we must provide for *this debt*, and not create any *new debt*. To meet this deficiency and carry on the work of the new year was a matter of no little perplexity to your Board. With this debt over us, and your positive instructions, there was nothing left

us, but to abandon the work or issue commissions conditioned upon our ability to pay. The latter alternative was adopted, and our missionaries accepted appointments, with the understanding that they would be paid *pro rata* of the receipts at the disposal of the Board.

Appointments.

The large destitution of the low country, embracing an area of *two hundred* by *forty* miles, has continued to engage our attention. We appointed Rev. C. A. Baynard, in connection with the Savannah River Association, to the Beaufort and Colleton field.

Rev. E. H. Cuttino to the Charleston field, embracing St. John's, Beulah and Briner, they paying a part of his salary.

Rev. H. F. Oliver to Georgetown County, embracing Georgetown, Black Mingo and Black River churches.

Rev. F. Jones to Port Royal two Sabbath afternoons per month for six months.

Upon instructions from the Welsh Neck Association, the following appointments were made within their bounds: Rev. S. M. Richardson to Cartersville, on W. C. & A. R. R.; Rev. J. M. Weaver to Midway, in Williamsburg County; Rev. C. T. Anderson to Scranton, on N. E. R. R.

The Fairfield Association advised us of a large field of destitution in their bounds, and recommended that we appoint Rev. J. N. Entzminger and Rev. W. H. Hartin, for one fourth of their time each, which we did.

The Reedy River Association instructed us to occupy Laurens C. H., and to appropriate *two hundred dollars* for that purpose, on condition that they should raise the amount for us. The church there called Rev. J. C. Furman.

Rev. G. W. Singleton was re-appointed to the Twelve Mile Association, and accepted the position as a voluntary missionary.

During the summer we appointed Rev. E. J. Forrester as mission pastor at Hardeeville, and to aid Bro. Baynard in his arduous work. The church at Hardeeville paid for the time he served them.

Upon advice from the York Association, Rev. A. J. McCoy was appointed, during May, June, July and August, to labor at Yorkville, and at several weak points in the surrounding country, they paying a part of his salary.

The Moriah Union having made a proposition to aid us in the support of a missionary in Kershaw County, during the summer, we secured the services of Rev. W. Merriwether.

Finding that there was an opening to accomplish a good work at Pendleton, we made an appropriation to aid them.

Number of Commissions.

Thus we have issued fourteen commissions, varying, as to amount of service rendered, according to the necessity of each field, and the ability of your Board. While we are thoroughly impressed as to the vast importance to the denomination of occupying centres of influence, we would emphasize the fact that *ten* of our fourteen missionaries have been engaged in preaching to the destitute.

Fields of Labor and Work of Missionaries.

Of our missionaries and their fields of labor we may say:

Brother Baynard's field is still very destitute, and will, for the most part, continue to be so for many years. We are of the opinion that this field is larger than one man can cultivate successfully, and he ought to have an assistant.

Port Royal has been afflicted this year with that terrible scourge, the yellow fever. Brother Jones thinks that, but for this sad event, he would have been able to get our work there into definite shape. He had noticed, just before the advent of the yellow fever, a marked religious interest, and had arranged for a special meeting.

The fields occupied by Revs. E. H. Cuttino and H. F. Oliver are eminently worthy of your continued help. Brother Oliver is the only white Baptist minister in Georgetown County.

The Fairfield mission should continue to engage the attention of your Board.

The points occupied in the Welsh Neck Association have been very much strengthened, and will not need as much help from us for the ensuing year.

The work in the Twelve Mile Association has not been so successful as last year, but there are points in this field which should be vigorously worked.

New Fields.

There are new fields constantly opening up to your Board, many of which promise rich results. In York County, in Williamsburg, in Sumter County, in Barnwell County, on the Air Line Railroad, and in other sections, earnest efforts should be made to disseminate the great doctrines of the New Testament, as held by Baptists.

NAME.	Number of Stations Occupied.	Number of Sermons Preached.	Number of Prayer Meetings Held.	Number of Religious Visits.	Number of Sunday School Addresses.	Number of Sunday Schools Organized.	Number of Other Addresses.	Number of Baptisms.	Number of Churches Organized.	Number of Miles Traveled.	Amount of Compensation from Board.
Rev. C. A. Baynard	12	268	110	356	52	5	.....	11	.....	4,280	$ 250 00
Rev. E. H. Cuttino	4	135	40	214	6	1	.....	29	.....	1,489	150 00
Rev. F. Jones	1	21	14	52	20	.....	.....	12	.....	.....	100 00
Rev. J. M. Weaver	1	34	5	8	10	1	.....	2	.....	180	50 00
Rev. E. J. Forrester	3	23	10	55	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	400	40 00
Rev. W. Merriwether	7	56	60	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	440	60 00
Rev. S. M. Richardson	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75 00
Rev. C. T. Anderson	1	23	.....	.....	4	1	.....	.....	1	437	50 00
Rev. G. W. Singleton	1	53	15	20	35	4	15	12	.....	.....	Voluntary.
Rev. W. H. Hartin	5	32	20	22	5	.....	22	4	.....	260	100 00
Rev. J. N. Entzminger	2	24	10	20	4	2	.....	7	.....	288	100 00
Rev. H. F. Oliver	3	150	.....	100	.....	1	.....	5	.....	1,800	200 00
Rev. J. C. Furman	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65 00
* Rev. G. D. Lyon	1	12	10	15	6	1	.....	55	.....	.....	50 00
	43	831	294	862	150	16	40	137	1	9,574	$ 1,290 00

* At Pendleton, during his vacation.

Statistics.

Your Agent has not been able to carry out your instructions as to compilation of statistics, from the fact that he has been unable to secure, up to date, the minutes of the Associations. He will endeavor to complete a table for publication in the minutes of this session of your body.

Financial Condition of the Board.

Since your last meeting the collections made by the General Agent, for all purposes, amount to $5,123.29. For State Missions, $3,703.07; for Home Missions, $263 02; for Foreign Missions, $17.20; for building a Baptist church at Johnston, on C. C. & A. R. R., $1,160.00.

The amount still due the Missionaries for work of this year is $887.75. The amount still due on the old debt is $400.00. The total indebtedness of the Board, at this date, is $1,287.75.

To meet this debt we have: By balance on Treasurer's report, $517.81: by amounts reported since Treasurer's report closed, $330.00; by notes accruing, $510.00; making a total of $1,357.81.

By this exhibit you will observe that your Board has in cash and assets sufficient funds to meet all liabilities, with a balance of $70.06.

The General Agent and the Future.

During the year a proposition having been made to our General Agent to accept a professorship in the "Blythewood Female Seminary," he submitted the matter to your Board. After much deliberation, and consultation with brethren throughout the State, we advised him to accept it. We were convinced that the *necessity* was upon us to reduce the cost of conducting our work in the future, and we saw that, by our agent's accepting the position offered him, he would draw a part of his support from another source, and yet be so situated as to be able to do *almost as much* for us as *heretofore*. He proposes, for the ensuing year, to do the following work: During the session of the Seminary he will visit from six to ten churches per month; spend his vacation traveling for the Board, with the exception of two Sabbaths per month; visit, as far as possible, the associational meetings in the fall, and prosecute vigorously the office work throughout the year. He is willing to do this work for the sum of six hundred dollars, traveling expenses and postage.

Your Board is clearly of the opinion that it will be greatly to the interest of the work to accept his services in this capacity. We believe that he can, from his thorough knowledge of the work, accomplish more in this way than can be done by a new man giving his whole time to the work. We, therefore, express the earnest hope that our suggestion will meet with approval from your body.

Respectfully submitted

J. R. LEAVELL, *Vice President.*

A. W. Lamar, *Cor. Sec. and Gen'l. Agt.*

APPENDIX B.

Consolidated Report of the Treasurer, as Made to the Convention.

1876.		Dr.		
Nov. 6.	To cash on hand		$ 25	15
1877.				
Nov. 21.	To cash collected by the General Agent		3,983	29
Nov. 21.	To cash from note discounted by Messrs C. T. Lowndes & Co		800	00
			$4,808	44

1877.		Cr.		
Nov. 21.	By cash paid salaries of Missionaries in the State	$	1,661	34
	By cash paid Lancaster Church		10	40
	By cash paid Lowndes & Co		478	21
	By cash paid Home Missions		264	02
	By cash paid Foreign Missions		19	20
	By cash paid General Agent to November, 1876		352	00
	By cash paid General Agent to November, 1877		1,202	63
	By cash paid General Agent, traveling expenses, postage and stationery		304	83
	By balance on hand in cash, and due bill of the General Agent		517	81
			$4,808	44

Respectfully submitted.

WINTHROP WILLIAMS, *Treasurer.*

Audited: W. H. Lyles, *Auditor.*

Columbia, S. C., November 21, 1877.

APPENDIX C.

Report of Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers.

The Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, beg to submit their account current for the past year. The balance on hand at date of last report was $120.-22, and the total receipts during the year, from all sources, amount to $102.27, making total cash for disbursement by the Board, $222.99. Of the amount of receipts, $17.85 were special contributions made for Brethren Dawson and Hinton, the portion for Bro. Dawson having been remitted, and that for Bro. Hinton applied to procuring supplies sent him. Brethren Dawson and Hinton have been the only two regular beneficiaries of the Board, and the disbursements have been (with two exceptions, $30 together,) in their behalf, Bro. Dawson having received, exclusive of special contributions for him, $110, and Bro. Hinton, exclusive of special contributions for him, $64.37, making total disbursement, $222.11, leaving balance on hand, November 19, 1877, $0.88. It will be evident from the account rendered that but little interest is taken in providing means to aid those for whom the Board was organized, and no contributions have reached us but those from the Charleston Association and a few subscribers from the Citadel Square Church, Charleston. The stringency of the times had its effect on the regular subscribers we heretofore had in the Citadel Square church, but we have reason to believe some of these have made subscriptions through the card system in use in that church, and that these amounts will in due time be received for the purpose indicated. The Board hold sundry notes, given for former subscriptions, amounting, with interest, to about $75, but our applications for payment have not been responded to, and the notes remain as unavailable assets. The condition, then, is, we begin another year with an empty treasury (a balance of $0.88 only), and we have still two old worn-out ministers who look to us for assistance in this their time of need. The conclusion is irresistible that the objects devolved on the Board have been utterly forgotten by the brethren throughout the State. As it has been, the Board, though under the direction of the State Convention, is virtually but the Board of the Charleston Association only. Such was not the intention in its formation, but to be the agent for dispensing aid to our disabled ministers, also widows and orphans of deceased ministers, throughout the State. This cannot be done, even to our present beneficiaries, without means, and we would urge upon our brethren a more lively interest in the objects of the Board, aiding by their contributions, that many more who are known to be in need, though not themselves applying, may be relieved, in a measure, at least. The two regular beneficiaries we have been aiding were formerly those of the Charleston Association, and were transferred to us by that body, with its funds for the purpose, when the Convention assumed the whole work in the State, and we feel it a sacred duty to care for these to the extent of our ability. But for even these, with the

obligations assumed by the Convention, shall the providing of means now be confined to the small sphere it held heretofore? If so, we most respectfully submit if it would not be the proper action of the Convention to relinquish the charge it assumed, leaving the matter, as heretofore, to the management of Associations or churches. In the opinion of the Board, it would be wholly preferable to maintain the plan adopted by the Convention, if proper interest be taken to make it available for the objects contemplated, and would beg to urge on our brethren generally a deeper interest than has heretofore been manifested, and thus assist in aiding those of our brethren who, having borne the heat and burden of the day, are unable longer to occupy their fields, but, compelled by age and infirmity, have the right to look to us for aid in temporal things, and to whom we should feel it a privilege to give. Brethren, will you or not evidence more interest?

It may be urged that the subject has not been brought before our brethren as should have been, and in this your Board may have been remiss, but we can only plead, we have been reluctant, in the stringent period through which we have passed, to add another appeal to the many that have had to be responded to, when, for the liabilities we had assumed, we were satisfied of ability to meet them.

But now, brethren, we lay the matter before you. What will be your response?

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM THAYER, *President.*

Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, in account with William Thayer, Acting Treasurer.

Dr.

1876.			
Nov'r	29.	To remittance to Rev. J. E. Hinton	$ 5 00
Dec'r	1.	To paid draft Wm. Thayer, favor Rev. C. C. Brown, for Rev. Dr. Samuel Furman	20 00
	12	To check sent Rev. M. R. Suares	10 00
	22.	To paid draft Rev. J. E. Hinton, favor T. P. Smith.	7 45
	26.	To paid order favor Rev. Thomas Dawson for December	10 00
1877.			
Jan'y	29.	To amount remitted Rev. Thomas Dawson	10 00
Feb'y	26.	To paid T. P. Smith, for provisions furnished J. E. Hinton	12 25
March	5.	To remitted Rev. Thomas Dawson for February, 1877	10 00
April	17.	To draft J. E. Hinton, favor T. P. Smith	12 00
	19.	To remitted Rev. Thomas Dawson for March and April	20 00
May	29.	To paid draft Rev. J. E. Hinton, favor T. P. Smith.	7 00
June	12.	To remitted Rev. Thomas Dawson for May and June	20 00
July	31.	To paid draft Rev. J. E. Hinton, favor T. P. Smith.	9 00
Aug.	25.	To paid draft Rev. J. E. Hinton	9 49
	29	To paid Rev. Thomas Dawson for July and August	20 00
Nov'r	9.	To remitted Rev. Thomas Dawson for September and October	20 00
	9.	To amount remitted him, being special donation for him	8 62
	19.	To paid T. P. Smith, McIver, for supplies forwarded at sundry times to Rev. J. E. Hinton, this amount including $9.12, special contribution	11 30
			$ 222 11
	19.	To Balance	88
			$ 222 99

Board of Managers of Funds for Indigent Ministers, and Widows and Children of Deceased Ministers, in account with William Thayer, Acting Treasurer—Concluded.

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1876.			
Nov'r 21.	By balance per account rendered	$ 120	72
Dec'r 1.	By subscription from Mrs. Rodgers	1	00
1.	By subscription from Mrs. Blake	1	00
21.	By received of G. W. McIver, Jr., Charleston Ass'n coll'ns	81	52
1877.			
Oct'r 30.	By special contributions for Rev. Messrs. Dawson and Hinton as follows:		
	John L. Riggs	2	00
	L. D. Mowry	10	00
	J. L. Sheppard	5	00
	A little girl		25
Nov'r 6.	By Annual contribution of Mrs. Blake	1	00
13.	By special subscription per G. W. McIver		50
		$ 222	99
	By balance		88

WILLIAM THAYER,
President, Acting Treasurer.

Attest: GEORGE W. McIVER.

CHARLESTON, S. C., November 9, 1877.

APPENDIX D.

[NOTE.—This report should have been inserted on page 15 of the minutes, but was overlooked.]

Report of Committee on Obituaries.

The Committee on Obituaries beg leave to report:

1. REV. WILLIAM WILLIAMS, D.D.,—dear and venerable name,—died at Aiken, in this State, whither he had gone for such relief as he might find in the favorable atmosphere of that locality. As a Professor in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary from its foundation until his death, he became very widely known and greatly admired as a careful, thorough, honest scholar in several departments of theological learning: as a thinker of extraordinary clearness and vigor; as a speaker of great convincing power and persuasive fervor; as a sympathizing, faithful friend to the students under his instructions, as well as to all who were drawn within the sphere of intimate association with him, and in all things, to all men, a beautiful illustration of the humility, the gentleness, the purity, the steadiness and strength, in a word, the mental and moral symmetry of true greatness.

To say more in this report would, perhaps, be inappropriate. We wish only to place on record, as a Convention, an expression of our love and veneration for Dr. Williams while he was among us, and of the melancholy pleasure with which we cherish his blessed memory.

2. REV. SAMUEL FURMAN, D.D., died at Sumter. From forty to forty-five years ago, Dr. Furman was already among the foremost men of the denomination in the State. In the Furman Institution at the High Hills of Santee, the instructors were Samuel Furman and Jesse Hartwell, when some of the students were brethren whom we now delight to honor, as Dr. McIntosh, of Alabama, Dr. Richard Furman, of South Carolina, Dr. Edward Lathrop, of Connecticut, Dr. DeVotie, of Georgia, and others of like spirit and worth. For many years following his excellent labors in the Institution, Dr. F. devoted to the ministry of the gospel all the force of his elegantly cultured mind, with singular humility and simplicity of heart. For about two years preceding his death he was confined almost continually to his bed. He died at length with a calm, sustaining trust in the Saviour of sinners.

3. Shortly after the departure of Dr. Furman, REV. NOAH GRAHAM, of the same town, was suddenly called to rest. He preached twice on the 2d Sunday in February. At evening, on returning to his home, he complained of feeling unwell. In a single hour he was dead. Bro. Graham was loving and beloved. He was sometimes called "the John" of the Charleston Association. Though never a man of great preaching ability, he was uncommonly successful for many years in winning souls to Christ, because he was tender and earnest and prayerful. His practical wisdom

was remarkable, and made him a valuable counsellor among his brethren. He was always a specially welcome visitor where hearts were breaking with sorrow, and will long be sadly missed in a wide circle of personal friends.

4. Two months after Bro. Graham's death, Rev. W. E. Hughson, also of Sumter County, died from a stroke of paralysis. "Bro. H. had a long warning before his end came. The work of his disease was slow though painless, compelling him to resign his pastoral work some months before his death. He entered the ministry late in life, after his character was formed, yet his labors were abundant and attended with no little success."

5. Rev. D. D. Brunson died last September, aged about seventy years. He had been preaching forty-five years, probably, and especially in the later years of his life was a thoroughly consecrated and zealous servant of the Lord Jesus. He was several times within the last ten years chosen Moderator of the Edgefield Association, thus honored by the brethren among whom his useful life was spent.

6. Rev. Bryant Burroughs, of the Twelve Mile Association, died in the fifty-fourth year of his age, after a long and severe illness, which was borne with unusual patience. He became a Christian and a Baptist when twelve years old, and entered the ministry in his twenty-fifth year. He was a man of uncommon zeal and piety as pastor, for many years, of three churches.

J. A. CHAMBLISS, *Chairman.*

Appendix E.—Ministers' Names and Post Offices.

Abbott, W. W., Seneca City.
Acker, A., Belton.
Ackerman, S. W., Walterboro.
Allen, Jesse, Buena Vista.
Allen, Joel, Marion.
Alston, A., Summerville.
Alston, I., Adams' Run.
Alverson, L. E., Earlesville.
Anderson, C. A. T.,
Anderson, G. S., Glenn Springs.
Ashley, W., Honea Path.
Askew, G. N., Blackville.
Atkinson, S., Timmonsville.
Avery, A., Townville.
Ayres, W., Marion.
Ball, M. L., Sumter.
Ballard, B. E., Fork Shoals.
Barton, H. M., Fair Play.
Bateman, J. J., Hartsville.
Baynard, C. A., Allendale.
Beattie, W. Q., Bennettsville.
Bell, G., Batesburg.
Bell, T. P., Columbia.
Bolen, H. D., Orangeburg.
Bonner, B., Grassy Pond.
Bostick, J. M., Brighton.
Bowers, A. D., Highland Grove.
Bowers, R. C., Pocotaligo.
Boynton, M. B., Buford's Bridge.
Brasington, J. T., Lancaster.
Brasington, W. F., Flint Ridge.
Broaddus, Luther, Newberry.
Broaddus, M. E., Chappell's.
Brooker, W., Blackville.
Brooks, R. R., Myersville.
Brown, C. C., Sumter.
Browne, J. C., Aiken.
Brown, W. L., Gaffney's.
Buist, A., Barnwell.
Buist, J. F., Bamberg.
Burge, J. C., Rock Hill.
Burn, J. W., Society Hill.
Burns, J., Anderson.
Burris, J. B., Pickens.
Burton, N. N., Batesburg.
Burts, R. W., Honea Path.
Burroughs, J. H., Pickens.
Bussey, G. W., Cold Spring.
Buycke, P. A., St. Matthews.
Cantey, T. R., Lancaster.
Carpenter, F. G., Piercetown.
Carpenter, I. J., Piercetown.
Carson, J., Richardsonville.
Carson, W. B., D.D., Appleton.
Carswell, E. R., Storeville.
Chambliss, J. A., D.D., Charleston
Chaplin, W. F., Orangeburg.
Chapman, J., Keowee.
Chastain, B., Highland Grove.
Chastain, M., Sunny Dale.
Coleman, J. W., Ninety-Six.
Cooper, J. A., Simpson's Mills.
Corley, B. F., Winnsboro.
Covington, B. G., Fort Mill.
Crane, W., Whilden Hall.
Croxton, J. S., Pleasant Hill.
Cuthbert, L., Aiken.
Cuttino, D. W., St. Matthews.
Cuttino, E. H., Roadville.
Dargan, J. O. B., Darlington.
Dawson, P., Pendleton.
Dill, S. T., Mush Creek.
Dodd, S. A., Jacksonboro.
Dowling, W. H., Varnesville.
Drummond, S., Woodruff's.
Drayton, G., Hammond.
Dunn, B. G. W., Bennettsville.
Durham, A. K., Greenville.
Durham, I. D., Greenville.
Earle, J. R., Holland's Store.
Earle, T. J., Gowensville.
Edwards, E. A., Sumter.
Edwards, Joab, Oakland.
Edwards, J. H., Rock Hill.
Edwards, R. J., Orangeburg.
Elkin, W. B., Alston.
Elsey, J. W., New Road.
Ezell, J. S., Woodruff's.
Ezell, L. C., Woodruff's.
Fail, John, Hickory Head.
Fail, N., Hickory Head.
Fant, J. K., Greenwood.
Fewox, J., Adam's Run.
Fincher, S. J., Old Store.
Fowler, H., Pleasant Mound.
Furman, J. C., D.D., Greenville.
Furman, R., D.D., Ridge.
Gaines, N., Honea Path.
Gaines, W. A., Phœnix.
Gardner, G. W., Anderson.
Garrison, J. M., Fort Mills.
Gary, T. R., Liberty.
Getsinger, J. J. Bamberg.
Getzen, S. P., Hamburg.
Gwyn, J. T., Spartanburg.
Gwyn, T. D., Greenville.
Hart, T. W., Florence.
Hartin, W. H., Ridgeway.
Hatfield, W. J., Sumter.
Hawes, W., Graniteville.
Hays, B., Mountain Creek.
Hays, H. N., Walhalla.
Hearsay, A. B., Chesterfield.
Henderson, H. L., Plain.
Herlong, J. M., St. Matthews.
Hickman, G. B., Walterboro.
Hicks, E., Myersville
Hicks, G. W., Greenland.
Hickson, F. C., Barnwell.
Hiden, J. C., D.D., Greenville.
Hiers, P. J., Dunbarton.
Hill, M. R., Timmonsville.
Hinton, L. C., Chestnut Grove.
Hiott, D. W., Easley's.
Hiott, J. R., Adam's Run.
Hiott, W. R., Walterboro.
Hix, M., Walhalla.
Hoffman, J. C., Orangeburg.
Holder, B., Walhalla.
Hoover, J. M., Buford's Bridge.
Hudson, J. C., Anderson.
Humphries, J. C., Chester.
Jameson, J. D., Spartanburg.
Jeffcoat, J. M., Witt's Mills.
Jeter, F. C., Fish Dam.
Jeter, J. T., Santuc.
Jones, F., Beaufort.
Jordan, J. S., Greenwood.
Kennemur, D. H., Keowee.
Kinard, G. D., Folk's Store.
King, W. H., Anderson.
King, R., Belton.
King, J., Central Station.
Knight, S., Power's Shop.
Knotts, J. D., Blackville.
Knox, D. J., Batchelor's Retreat.
Lamar, A. W., Blythewood.
Landrum, J. G., Landrum Station.
Latta, A. T., White Plains.
Lawton, J. A., Allendale.
LeCroy, H., Fruit Hill.
Lide, T. P., Jr., Marion.
Lindsay, W. C., Columbia.
Little, N., Richardsonville.
Looper, T., Dacusville.
Mack, W. G., Knott's Mills.
McGee, M., Belton.
Mahon, J. D., Crosbyville.
Mahoney, H. W., Sumter.
Mauldin, B. F., Williamston.
McClanahan, F., Eighteen Mile.
McDaniel, J. M., Mullin's Depot.
McMillan, W. D., Blackville.
McGuffin, A. W., Walhalla.
McInvaile, J. M., Hartsville.
Mealing, J. P., Hamburg.
Mellichamp, T. W., Blythewood.
Mendenhall, J. K., Greenville.
Miller, B. F., Greenwood.
Moorehead, W. G., Gowdeysville.
Morrall, J. F., Allendale.
Murray, J. S., Anderson.
Napier, R., Mar's Bluff.
Nelson, T. F., Grove Station.
Norman, J. L., Gowensville.
Norris, J. M., Leesburg.
Oliver, H. F., Georgetown.
O'Neale, L., Oakland.
Padgett, M. M., Oakland.
Parler, W. R., Orangeburg.
Parrott, A. W., Darlington.
Parrott, B. F., Philadelphia.
Peeples, E. W., Varnesville.
Perryclear, J. S., Orangeburg.
Peterson, J. F., Richardsonville.
Pearson, W. A., Williston.
Porter, C. M., Ridgeway.
Powell, S., Marietta.
Pratt, R. N., Abbeville.
Price, B. G., Walterboro.
Prickett, J. D., St. Matthews.
Pugh, A. P., Chester.
Reeves, W. D. B., Branchville.
Rice, A., Storeville.
Richardson, S. M., Timmonsville.
Riggs, T. L., Summerville.
Robertson, T., Pleasant Mound.
Robuck, J. M., Woodruff's.
Rogers, J. E., Camden.
Rollings, W. G., Grahamville.
Roper, T., Sunny Dale.
Russel, S. T., St. Stephens.
Sanders, F. J., Barnwell.
Sanders, R. W., Chester.
Scaife, C. T., Union C. H.
Seymour, R. W., Jr, Greenwood.
Shaw, W. B., Poverty Hill.
Shuck, L. H., D.D., Charleston.
Shuman, W. H., Gillisonville
Singleton, G. W., Pickens C. H.
Singleton, W. B., Pickens C. H.
Smith, T. W., Union.
Snider, W. J., St. Matthews.
Spigener, D. F., St. Matthews.
Stepp, A. C., Line Creek.
Stiles, C. A., Eastover.
Stout, John, Society Hill.
Stroud, W. H., Langley.
Suares, M. R., Barnwell.
Sweat, J. T., Brighton.
Taylor, T. J., Gowdeysville.
Terrill, W. A., Greenville.
Thomas, J. A. W., Bennettsville.
Tolleson, T. W., Mile Creek.
Tribble, L. W., Honea Path.
Vaughn, L., Greer's Depot.
Vann, R. R., Blythewood.
Vass, J. L., Spartanburg.
Walters, W. E., Storeville.
Weaver, J. M., Lynchburg.
Weekly, Wm., Pocotaligo.
Weeks, J. M., St. George's.
Wells, Wm. B., Allendale.
West, J., Cheohee
Whilden, R. F., Whilden Hall.
Williams, J. G., Lee's.
Williams, J. M., Pacolett.
Williford, A. S., Flat Rock.
Wingo, I. W., Walhalla.
Woodruff, R., Woodruff's.
Woodward, J. A., Williston.
Woodward, S. W., Williston.
Wright, G., Pickens.
Young, V., Liberty.
Zeigler, L. F., Orangeburg.

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Next Meeting.

At Sumter, Thursday before the last Sunday in November, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Introductory Sermon by W. J. Alexander; alternate, W. C. Lindsay.

Missionary Sermon by J. C. Hiden; alternate, L. H. Shuck.

Committees.

On Obituary Notices—J. K. Mendenhall, T. J. Earle, T. P. Lide, Sr., G. W. Bussey, T. P. Bell.

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